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Dog leads to discovery of set of HUMAN REMAINS

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A dog looking for a bone to chew on yesterday morning led to the FBI's and the Department of Public Safety's discovery of a set of human remains at a homestead area in Kagman III.

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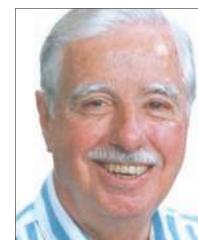
Police officers scour the area near an abandoned house in Kagman, close to the intersection of Puteng Drive and Lalaingha Road, where human bones were discovered yesterday morning. Authorities could not say whether the one set of human bones discovered was that of one of the two Luhk sisters who have gone missing since May 25. Inset, Paul Cruz tells the media how his dog, Shiro, carried a human bone to their yard in Kagman III yesterday morning. The bone led to the discovery of more human bones scattered on the road and at an abandoned house. The FBI and police confirmed from a doctor that the bones belong to a set of human remains.

Admin: Delay action on HR 1466 until 2010 census data is released

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The Fitial administration wants the U.S. Congress to delay consideration of Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's HR 1466 until after the 2010 census data for the CNMI are published, citing the bill's enormous harm to the Commonwealth.

But Sablan said the census data has



nothing to do with his bill, which seeks to grant CNMI-only resident status for limited groups of people in the CNMI.

The CNMI's 2010 census data are expected to be released this summer.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's special counsel Howard P. Willens, in a memo submitted to the

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Govt wage survey contract is sole-sourced to Data Talks

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The Fitial administration's \$15,000 contract to be awarded to Data Talks for the conduct of the CNMI government's 2011 prevailing wage survey has been procured through sole-source.

Data Talks is owned by Northern Marianas College business instructor Will Maui, who used to work with the Department of Commerce that's awarding the sole-source contract.

Maui, who reportedly left Commerce some 10 years ago, was off-island yesterday.

Acting Commerce secretary Sixto Igesomar and press secretary Angel Demapan separately confirmed the sole-source contract, which is currently being routed.

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Local

Enrollment in public schools expected to rise 5%

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Despite the economic hardships experienced by families on island, the Public School System is expecting only a slight increase in its enrollment this new school year as a result of relocation and exodus of many local families.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan said the projected enrollment increase for school year for 2011-2012 is between 4 and 5 percent.

Because of the worsening economic situation on island, it was expected that many stu-

dents from private schools may transfer to public schools. However, the number of transferees expected this year has only offset the number of enrollees who relocated from the island resulting in only a slight spike in PSS' enrollment.

As of last week, the commissioner said the system has registered 11,107 students from kindergarten to high school. The figure reflects a minimal increase from last school year's close to 11,000 schoolchildren. A few more are expected to enroll in the coming weeks as registration is ongoing in many schools.

"We expect to see an increase anywhere between 4 and 5 percent. But at this point in time, registration is still ongoing in many schools and we're expecting a few more enrollees. Our projected numbers are almost similar to last school year," she told *Saipan Tribune*, pointing out that the slight increase may only come from some schools that experienced demographic changes in their community.

According to the commissioner, Kagman Elementary School has been "reconfigured" this school year because of the changes in its demographics.

She said the school, which for many years accommodated kindergarten to fifth graders only, will keep its sixth graders to offset the anticipated decline in its enrollment.

Kagman Elementary principal Ignacia Demapan confirmed yesterday that the anticipated decline was result of relocation and exodus of many local families. As of Friday, the school lost 40 students because majority are relocating to the mainland U.S. and Guam. As of yesterday, it recorded 575 students including six graders that were supposed to go to Chacha Oceanview Junior High School. Demapan

said the campus can accommodate up to 600 students.

Chacha Oceanview Junior High principal Vince Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* that although they expect a slight increase in enrollment, from about 300 to over 400 students, this is due to the rezoning of some villages to prevent overcrowding at Hopwood Junior High School. As of this week, Chacha has 350 enrollees. About a hundred are from Tanapag Elementary, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, and some areas in San Vicente.

At Hopwood, principal Jonas Barcina revealed that enrollment as of this week was 1,186—a decline from last year's over 1,300 students.

At Saipan Southern High School, principal Jesse Tudela said that they have 860 enroll-

ees as of Friday—a figure that shows a slight increase from last year's 851 students. Like other schools, he said the increase was due to transfers from both private schools and "relocated" students from Kagman. A few more, he said, are expected as SHHS enrollment is ongoing.

Marianas High School acting principal Cherlyn Cabrera told *Saipan Tribune* Friday that they currently have an enrollment of 1,455 and are expecting a few more enrollees before the opening of classes on Sept. 6. Last year, the school ended with 1,295 students. Cabrera cited among several factors in the significant increase in enrollment this year. These include transferees from private schools, relocated PSS students from certain villages, a big number of graduates from Hopwood last school year, and the offering of expanded AP classes that challenged many students.

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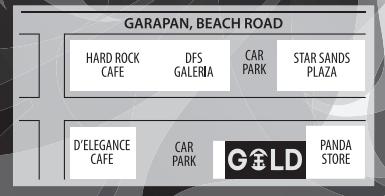
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'Investment consultant, money managers likely to cancel contracts'

» **Fitial urged to junk shareholder derivative action bill**

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The NMI Retirement Fund and its board of trustees are urging Gov. Benigno Fitial to veto the shareholder derivative act bill that was passed by both the House and the Senate last week.

Approval of the measure, they said, would result to the cancellation of the Fund's existing contracts and could lead to \$9 million in potential losses in its investment portfolio every year.

In a letter to the governor on Thursday, Fund administrator Richard Villagomez reiterated the damaging effects of Senate Bill 17-43 which was approved by lawmakers disregarding all important concerns raised by the Fund. The measure allows beneficiaries of trusts and retirement fund programs to take legal action on behalf of trusts or the NMI Retirement Fund when trustees who manage them refuse to bring such actions.

If it becomes law, Villagomez said the Fund's cost of doing business would increase due to added litigation.

He revealed that investment consultant and money managers will likely cancel their contracts with the Fund because of additional risk of potentially being sued by people not parties to the contract.

"If no firm is willing to contract with the Fund to manage its assets, the Fund would be forced to liquidate its portfolio and move those funds to savings accounts or certificates of deposits. The estimated opportunity cost of being out of the market for an extended period is \$9 million per year," he told the governor, adding that if the bill becomes law it will damage the reputation of the CNMI which will be perceived as being a hostile business environment. This may also result to increase cost of some services such as Group Health or Life Insurance because more than likely, they will reconsider contracting with the Fund and if they do, they may very well increase their costs.

The administrator also cited some specific objections to the legislation as written such as the uneven retroactive application. He said the retroactivity of laws is generally disfavored and not applicable unless expressly provided. He was alluding to section 5 of the bill which provides that the act shall be applied to pending actions, already filed in court. Additionally, he said retroactive application of the law may lead to an impairment of the obligation of contract which is prohibited by law.

"This bill, if enacted, will make it very difficult for the Fund to find any party that would be willing to enter into

a contract, because the party would be responsible, not only for satisfying the board of trustees, but all 20,000 potential intended beneficiaries of the

Fund," said Villagomez, adding that the high risk of potential litigation would discourage any firm from entering into a contract with the Fund.

The administrator described the derivative act as a special interest legislation that should not have been entertained by the Legislature.

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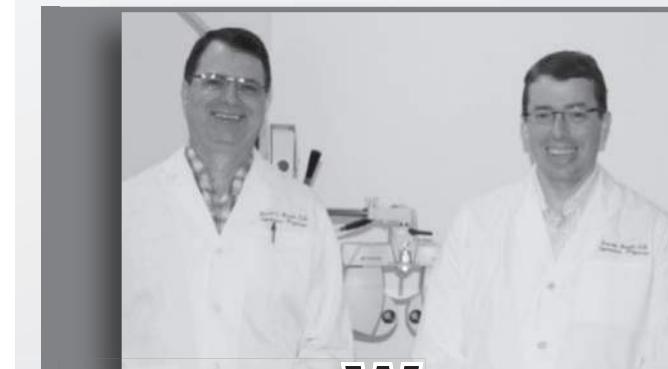
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Fitial goes to Alaska, expects Murkowski to also visit Saipan

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial left on Friday for Alaska to attend one of the state's biggest energy fairs, and also expects that Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) will also visit Saipan for issues such as federalization and renewable energy.

Fitial and the first lady's trip to Fairbanks, Alaska came barely two weeks after they returned from almost a month of off-island trips for personal and official business in Japan and the U.S. mainland.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said Fitial went to Alaska at the invitation of Chena Hot Springs owner Bernie Karl and Murkowski, who earlier told Fitial she will also be visiting Saipan.

In 2006, Karl installed a geothermal power system at the resort he owns in Alaska and earned additional green credentials. Fitial is a big supporter of geothermal energy, which is now being explored in the CNMI.



Fitial

"The governor's visit to Alaska is the beginning of a two-way informal agreement that if the governor visits Alaska, then Murkowski will also go to Saipan. She plans to come here early 2012," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Murkowski's father, former Sen. Frank Murkowski, served as chair of the Natural Resources Committee and at the time, he was a source of assistance for the CNMI in the U.S. Senate.

Since succeeding her father in the U.S. Senate, Sen. Lisa Murkowski continues to keep an eye on the islands.

The governor will be one of the speakers at the 6th Annual Renewable Energy Fair hosted by Chena Hot Springs Resort on Sunday, or today Saipan time.

The Annual Chena Hot Springs Renewable Energy Fair is an event designed to bring experts in renewable energy and sustainability together with the public to share information on all things renewable and sustainable.

During the event, Chena dis-

plays its own tried and true renewable technologies as well as some of its newer cutting edge developments. This year, Chena we will be displaying its new plastic to oil machine which transforms recycled plastic into usable petroleum, a refurbished gasifier powered Ford Model T, and the new Chena Power Hydroponic Forager Unit which can fully grow animal feed in a con-

trolled environment in as little as six days.

Other renewable energy technologies will also be on display from various organizations.

Demapan said Fitial and the first lady will be back to Saipan immediately after the fair.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, whose wife's burial is today, has been the acting governor since Fitial left the island on Friday

WAGE

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from the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's own survey, contracted out to the Guam Employers Council which specializes in extensive services in wage and salary management and prevailing wage surveys.

The Chamber and the CNMI Commerce are paying almost the same amount to contractors for their respective actual survey work. Chamber was approved a \$16,500 technical assistance grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, while the CNMI government is awaiting the fate of its over \$40,000 grant application with the U.S. Department of Labor for the prevailing wage

survey.

The survey results can be used to establish prevailing wage rate determinations for CNMI employers applying for federal employment visas for existing and future foreign workers.

Igisomar said the contract with Data Talks is expected to finish "no later than October to November 2011."

Unlike the Chamber which has already distributed the survey forms, the CNMI government has yet to start its actual form distribution.

Under the contract's scope of work, Data Talks will coordinate and assist in the implementation and completion of the 2011 prevailing wage survey, among other things.

searches conducted for several weeks by joint FBI, DPS, other federal and local agencies, and volunteers, the children were never found.

Auther said the set of remains did not appear to be from May 25, the day of the mysterious disappearance of the Luhk sisters.

"These remains have already been here for a few weeks," said Auther, adding that if it is connected with the missing Luhk sisters, the question is where is the second victim.

Asked if the human remains belong to a child, the special agent said they can't tell right now.

"Bones apparently have been scattered by an animal and we found bones in several locations around here. But there is one location where most of the bones are located right now," Auther said. "We will be going over that a little more closely when we have evidence response people respond from Guam and Honolulu."

Auther and DPS Commissioner Ramon C. Mafnas urged the public to be vigilant and call the authorities if they notice something unusual like a person shopping for girls clothing or purchasing extra food.

Mafnas said a dog got the bone that's how the remains were discovered.

"I guess the owner of the dog was wondering what kind of bone is that so he decided to call the police," Mafnas said.

The commissioner said they are arranging to store the bones at the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue and test the DNA.

Residents in the neighborhood said their place is very dark at night and that they have

Mafnas also disclosed that a piece of clothing was found. He refused to elaborate.

A resident in the area, however, told the media that he saw a blue underwear believed to be belonging to a girl and a pair of black and white zories in the yard of an abandoned house where other bones were later found.

Paul Cruz, a boat captain, told the media that he was the person who called the police yesterday morning after Shiro, their boomer dog, brought a bone to their yard.

Cruz said he woke up his wife to confirm whether the bone taken by their dog was indeed human.

He said the bone was still meaty and smelled bad.

Cruz said police officers came to their house located along Agafelang Avenue corner Puteng Drive and conducted an investigation about the bone.

He said after a few minutes when the officers left, he learned from his brother that while he was going to his daughter's house he saw another bone on the road.

The boat captain said he called DPS again to inform them about the other bones.

Many bones were subsequently found scattered near a two-storey house and in the yard of an abandoned house, belonging to the family of Mary Ann Concepcion-Teregeyo. It was at this abandoned house where the zories and underwear were found.

"Given that this type of situation may have the tendency to escalate rumors and speculation, I respectfully encourage everyone to rely on official information coming from the appropriate authorities," Inos said.

HR 1466

From Page 1

U.S. House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs on behalf of the governor, cited the administration's concerns about one of the four categories or groups of people covered by Sablan's bill.

HR 1466 proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for four groups, including the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008, and continuing to be on the islands. This is the category that the Fitial administration is concerned about.

"Once we have a reasonable estimate of the number of children involved, we can calculate the number of parents who are included in this fourth category," Willens said.

The administration said there's no data in the U.S. Department of the Interior's report that bear on the issue of the number of aliens in the CNMI who had a minor U.S. citizen child on May 8, 2008.

It also said there are no data in the 2005 CNMI Household Income and Expenditures Survey report that support an estimate of 3,000 to 4,000 alien parents affected by HR 1466.

The Fitial administration reiterates its belief that there will be 11,000 or more alien parents or immediate relatives of U.S. citizens who will be afforded a path to U.S. citizenship by virtue of HR 1466 over the next 15 years.

The administration is questioning the oral testimony of David Gootnick of U.S. Government Accountability Office—not in his written presentation during a recent hearing on HR 1466—that there will be 3,000 to 4,000 aliens

who would be affected by the specific provision of Sablan's bill.

"Delegate Sablan also supported this lower figure," the administration said.

The administration said it does not believe that it is productive to discuss the likelihood that alien parents who qualify under the fourth category of HR 1466 will elect to pursue their options under the bill or not to do so.

The other groups affected by Sablan's HR 1466 are CNMI permanent residents; those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974, and Jan. 9, 1978; and the spouses or children, "as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)), of an alien described in subclauses (I) or (II)."

Sablan said his HR 1466 and the Interior's recommendation to Congress to grant improved immigration status to aliens who have been legally in the CNMI for at least five years are entirely separate from the Commonwealth-only transitional worker rule which the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is expected to publish soon.

The White House's Office of Management and Budget completed on Aug. 9 the review of the CW rule, with barely three months to go before Nov. 27.

Nov. 27, 2011 is the last day of the two-year period allowed under the federalization law wherein workers can still remain in the CNMI using a Commonwealth-issued permit. After that, foreign workers need to have a U.S. employment visa such as a transitional CW visa or an H visa, or they could face deportation.



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DUE TO FUND'S NEW 60% EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE**Airport, seaport debt service ratios at risk anew**

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority described as "ridiculous" the new NMI Retirement Fund actuarial contribution rate of 60 percent effective next fiscal year, adding that the new level would bring both seaport and airport bond service ratios to serious risk.

CPA executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero disclosed last Friday during the board meeting that the new rate will translate to \$1.7 million in financial impact to the agency which would later result to not meeting again the requirements of the bond indenture agreements.

The required debt service ratio for both airport and seaport is 1.25. Seaport at present is at 1.36 ratio and has been compli-

ance for many years compared to the airport side, which as of June stands at only 1.06 ratio. But due to the approval of the Federal Aviation Administration on the classification of passenger facility charges as operating revenue, the airport ratio recently met the 1.25 ratio as indicated in the amended fiscal year 2010 audit.

According to Derek Sasamoto, the ports authority comptroller, airport ratio now is 1.33 percent. However, because of the financial impact of the 60-percent new employee contribution rate enforced by the Fund, the airport ratio will go down to 0.69 percent while seaport ratio will be downgraded to 1.24 percent.

Sasamoto revealed that these figures are based on the actual numbers and budget of

the agency. For airport alone, the increased contribution rate will create \$750,000 in shortfall. "It created the liability [for CPA] without a matching source of revenue. These are actual numbers based on our budget." CPA employs 198 personnel working on airport and seaports in three islands.

Deleon Guerrero has asked the blessing of the board to appeal the issue to the Fund trustees. He said a meeting is being arranged so CPA could present its concern. For many years, the executive director said CPA is so far among the few agencies that is up to date in its employer contribution to the Retirement Fund.

"I don't think it's appropriate that CPA will be penalized or subsidize for them," said the executive director. The

agency has requested the Fund an accounting of all CPA con-

tributions to secure the funding for their employees who wish to retire.

During the board's discussion, members were one in saying that increasing the

contribution rate to almost double is "unfair" and "inappropriate" for CPA, which should not be penalized for the defaults of other agencies and departments.

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Chamorro priest underscores 'freedom of individual choice'

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A Chamorro Catholic priest and humanities scholar from Guam underscored the "freedom of individual choice" in identifying and defining what kind of person he or she wants to be.

"They can choose to be the people they want to be and they don't have to be paralyzed in all things by the political and economic choices that others have made for them without their consent. Because how you define yourself, what languages you speak and what values you live by, that's up to you. That's all yours. You go figure it out and let others figure it out for themselves, too,"

said Fr. Eric Forbes.

Forbes was the featured speaker at the NMI Humanities Council 20th anniversary fundraising event at Pacific Islands Club Magellan restaurant on Friday.

Forbes, who also has Irish-American and Filipino roots, disclosed how he couldn't say the words "I am Chamorro" because of self-doubt.

"At some point, I decided to put all my self-doubt away and I decided I'm going to become as Chamorro as possible and my childhood at grandma's gave me a good start," said Forbes who was raised by his grandmother and two grand aunts.

Besides a Chamorro upbringing, Forbes said he also

learned more about his island roots through Guam politics in the '70s which he described as "very Chamorro."

But Forbes noted that the freedom of individual choice comes with inherent limitations.

According to Forbes, other elements such as one's education, travels abroad, one's personality quirks influence one's choice.

"We have to point out the limitations that are inherent in this free will that propels us to try and identify who we are and claim it, just as there is no one way to be a Chamorro or Refaluwasch not only today but even back then. There was no one way to be those things," he said.

Forbes also emphasized that being a Chamorro or Refaluwas-

asch has to have meaning in order to describe something.

He said these individual choices are "pieces of the puzzle" that could be put together, just like what the Humanities Council tries to do.

"As we grapple with the question of our Chamorro identity—what happened to us, who did it to us, are they still doing it to us, and most importantly, what do we have to say about it—let's give our people the pieces and let them put it together," he concluded.

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Fr. Eric Forbes of Guam gestures as he talks about having mixed roots at the NMI Humanities Council fundraiser at Pacific Islands Club on Aug. 12.



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August 10, 2011
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Late Registration
August 20, 2011

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August 22, 2011

English Placement Test (Held in the English Lab, Bldg. M):

Aug 9 (Tue) 9am-6pm	Aug 15 (Mon) 9am-4pm
Aug 10 (Wed) 9am-4pm	Aug 16 (Tue) 9am-6pm
Aug 11 (Thu) 9am-6pm	Aug 17 (Wed) 9am-4pm
Aug 12 (Fri) 9am-4pm	Aug 18 (Thu) 9am-6pm
	Aug 19 (Fri) 9am-4pm

(Appointments recommended, please call the Languages & Humanities Dept. at 234-5498 ext. 2017/2009)

Math Placement Tests (Held in Bldg. A, Room 9):

Aug 9 (Tue) 10am-12pm	Aug 16 (Tue) 10am-12pm
Aug 11 (Thu) 10am-12pm	Aug 18 (Thu) 10am-12pm
Aug 11 (Thu) 5pm-7pm	Aug 18 (Thu) 5pm-7pm

For more information, log on to www.nmcnet.edu or contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 ext. 1528. For the latest news and announcements, follow NMC on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NMC.Prao

Military training at FDM set

The Emergency Management Office, Office of the Governor, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Force Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military unit would be conducting military exercises on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla on the following dates and times:

- Aug. 15, 9am-11pm, 20EBS
- Aug. 17, 7am-11pm, 20 EBS
- Aug. 19, 7am-6pm, 20 EBS

The general locations for this activity will be on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla training area (R7201) on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants and due to the danger imposed

by this activity, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is advising the general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—to stay away from this area during the time and date indicated. The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Management Office, Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF Marine CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. (PR)

PUBLIC NOTICE
8/15/11



Special Meeting of the Board of Regents
Board of Regents Conference Room, NMC - Saipan Campus
Wednesday, August 17, 2011
1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Review and Adoption of Agenda
 - c. Review and Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. July 14, 2011 – Regular meeting
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. REPORTS**
 - a. BOR Standing Committees
 - 1. Fiscal & Legislative Committee
 - 2. Personnel Committee
 - 3. Program Committee
 - 4. Training & Development Committee
- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. WASC Accreditation Update
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. FY11 Supplemental Budget
 - b. Proposed Board Policy Format
 - c. Proposed Board Policies for Consideration
 - 1. Board Policy No. 100.01: Constitutional and Statutory Authority
 - 2. Board Policy No. 100.02: Mission and Vision of Northern Marianas College
 - 3. Board Policy No. 201.0: Monitoring College Effectiveness
 - 4. Board Policy No. 906: Integrity and Ethics
 - d. Calendar of Upcoming Board Meetings
 - e. Senate Bill No. 17-57 (Student Regent)
 - f. House Resolution No. 17-33 (NMC CREEA Aquaculture Development Plan)
 - g. House Bill No. 17-188 (Education Tax Credit)
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
(At any time during the scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**
 - a. Marine Sanctuary Scoping Grant
- ADJOURNMENT**

Whole-day activities mark DYS' 30th anniversary



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs secretary Melvin Faisao, Division of Youth Services director Laura T. Ogumoro, Rep. Edmund Villagomez, and Community Action Team chair Luis Camacho pose with six of the 10 youth nominees who were awarded with certificates during DYS' 30th anniversary celebration at the Garapan Community Center on Saturday.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Division of Youth Services under the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs marked its 30th anniversary with a whole-day event at the Garapan Community Center on Saturday.

The event began with a parade where several marching units participated, including the Saipan Southern High School JROTC, Umang Glee Club, Uncle Ben's group, DYS Summer Camp participants, G-Rollers, Chuuk Catholic Youth, Bangladeshi Association, Saipan Awaodori, and the Solee D's Dance Group.

The parade came to an end by the community center where a program and the 3-on-3 basketball game took place.

DCCA secretary Melvin Faisao, in his remarks, said that DYS has been promoting the well-being of children, youth, and families in the community since it was established in 1981.

He acknowledged the commitment "of those families in the CNMI who have stepped up to take care of children needing a safe and stable place to call home" and the DYS staff for their "untiring efforts to uphold the mission of DYS."

Faisao urged today's youth to continue empowering themselves, challenged all parents to continue guiding their children, and challenged DYS to continue planning, coordinating and implementing programs designed to provide developmental and rehabilitative services to children and

families in the community.

In an interview, director Laura T. Ogumoro said DYS has done a lot in its 30 years in the community.

"I believe that our achievements have occurred because of the partnerships that we have with other service providers and

the support of the community," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "Our overall mission is that families become stronger."

Ogumoro added that her vision for DYS in the next 30 years is to empower more families, making them productive and able to give back to their community.

Presentation of awards

As part of Saturday's event, DYS handed certificates and awards to foster parents and outstanding youth nominees for their contribution to the community.

Certificates were presented to Leo and Rosario Babai, Sebastian and Josephine Tajibmai,

Victorino and Alice Igitol, and Pius and Gina R. Yaroitemal as tokens of appreciation for caring for children in need.

Ten youth nominees were also given their certificates for their commendable leadership qualities and serving as a role model

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-052

PROCUREMENT OF SEWER PUMP TRUCKS (VACTOR)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of Two (2) New Sewer Pump Trucks (Vactor) for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The trucks will jet and vacuum wastewater from the sewer systems. The vehicles should be small enough to work on Saipan's side streets (secondary roadways). The vehicles should be equipped to work at night, in traffic, without a power source.

The RFP packet and specification will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-052, Procurement of Sewer Pump Trucks (Vactor)" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 15, 2011. Offerors are required to complete all Bid Forms. Offerors may supplement this form as appropriate. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposals shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Proposal will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document OP200 - Instructions to Offeror.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2011 to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Espin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth_espin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

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CITIZEN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Almost every job now held by an alien in the Commonwealth will soon be available for interested and qualified U.S. citizens. Jobs currently held by foreign workers will require a new federal permit. The new federal transitional worker program will require employers to hire available qualified U.S. citizens or green card holders before hiring or re-hiring aliens as transitional workers.

Citizens must act to take advantage of this opportunity. Citizens should inquire of employers to see if there is a job, now held by an alien, for which they are qualified. Employers will need to get new federal permits by November 28, 2011. A federal permit to employ an alien can be obtained only if an employer makes reasonable efforts to find qualified U.S. citizens for these jobs and no qualified citizens are available. FAS citizens may also take advantage of this requirement.

If you have problems, the CNMI Department of Labor will help. If you know of a job held by an alien for which you believe you are qualified, you can apply directly to the employer. It is also recommended that you notify the Department of any application that you file directly with an employer. The Department may monitor the application process. The Department also recommends that you provide Labor with a copy of your resume and work interests to be placed in the Department searchable database. Labor will notify the employer and the federal authorities that there are U.S. citizens available for the job. The Department can also assist you in developing a resume and improving your job interview techniques.

Employers are required to consider qualified citizens fairly. If you are refused consideration or believe that you have been rejected unfairly, you can file a complaint with the Department of Labor, and our investigators will examine the employer's records and summon them for a hearing if necessary.

Don't miss this opportunity to fill jobs in the Commonwealth with U.S. citizens. We expect the new federal regulations on work permits will be issued soon. Start your job planning now.



INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB11-GOV-004



Governor Benigno R. Fitial, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the **PAPAGO WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT** in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award for this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Install approximately 6,900 linear feet of 8 inch underground PVC waterlines and 500 linear feet of 6 inch underground PVC waterline with appurtenant valves, fittings, air relief valves and blow-off valves.
- Install service laterals and water meters.
- Connect to existing waterlines.
- Restore disturbed asphalt paving.
- Pressure testing and chlorination of new waterlines.
- Conduct the area topographic and easement surveys.
- Construction activity to not interrupt existing water service to the area.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **August 8, 2011** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on **August 19, 2011**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on **August 18, 2011**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB-GOV-004"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 pm local time **September 6, 2011**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 3:00 pm local time **September 6, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 6, 2011**, and must be received no later than **September 15, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at 3:00 pm local time, **September 16, 2011**. However, if no Notices of intent to bid were received from the bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **September 7, 2011**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/S/ Benigno R. Fitial
Governor and Contracting Officer

/S/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 11-GOV-121



Legal Services For Water Task Force (Funded by the Dept. of Interior)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Legal Services for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.

The proposal package will be available on or after **August 15, 2011** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM, August 24, 2011** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Legal Services", RFP 11-GOV-121**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 pm, September 14, 2011 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

UMDA still owns Palms Resort Saipan; renovation on schedule

United Micronesian Development Association chair Jose Lifoifoi and the association's legal counsel, Robert Torres, said Friday that Palms Resort Saipan remains the property of the company and has never been sold.

The two made the statements in reaction to rumors that a large Korean firm—E Land—has recently acquired the hotel.

Torres told *Saipan Tribune* that Palm Resort's major renovation is still being pursued according to plan.

UMDA acquired Palms Resort, formerly Hotel Nikko Saipan, in February 2008. The facility is a 14-story, 313-room hotel located in San Roque.

In August last year, the company announced its major renovation plans that resulted to the closure and laying off of all its personnel. The hotel used to employ over 100 staff.

Torres admitted that although many companies have approached UMDA about possible investment in the hotel, the company has not made any decision of selling the property. He declined to name the interested companies and their investments when pressed.

If there's any changes in the company's plans for the hotel, Torres assured that the association will make a formal announcement.

Lifoifoi early this year admitted to *Saipan Tribune* that UMDA acquired the hotel for \$3 million and invested on it on renovations.

He revealed that the property may sell for over \$10 million or \$15 million. UMDA, he earlier said, is also considering to enter into a joint venture with investors. (*Moneth G. Deposa*)

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for other youth in the community.

They are Alvin Arcega, Juan Quitugua, Jr., Andrea Camacho, Czarina Mae Posadas, Angel Ray Guerrero, John Ciner, Mark Venus, Clea San Nicolas, Alyn Reed Camacho, and Kycel Butters.

Guerrero, in his inspirational remarks, referred to Mother Theresa's quote when he said that the greatest disease in the society today is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for.

"We all have hearts that beat the same. So take some of that beat and spread it somewhere... You never know who you will be helping but it's that feeling of being able to share a little bit of love to someone else, that has a satisfaction above no other," he said.

After the program, different groups did performances as part of the entertainment lineup. The event also featured some 17 booths and exhibitors.

Flashback A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 15, 2000

CPA unveils \$17.8 million budget for operations

The Commonwealth Ports Authority Board has approved a \$17.8 million budget for the operations of the airport and seaport divisions for fiscal year 2001. However, the CPA Board is still studying the \$1.68 million total budget for Capital Improvement Projects for both the airport and the seaport for next fiscal year. Total projected revenue from the airport is approximately \$12.8 million but a big chunk of the money or 86 percent will be used to operate and maintain all the three airport facilities within the CNMI.

USDA grants \$40K for home improvement

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. has been awarded a \$40,000 Housing Preservation Grant by the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Office.

According to Marylou S. Ada, NMHC executive director, the money will allow successful applicants to carry out improvements in their homes such as construction of indoor toilet facilities, kitchen or additional bedroom. "Although the amount is quite small, we are happy that we have gotten back this program," she said. NMHC has been trying to get back the rural development program for the past two years and efforts paid off when the federal program informed the housing office that it will be given a grant.

Aug. 15, 2001

NMI hopes to do a Vieques in FDM

Since the Commonwealth cannot legally stop the bombing exercises being conducted by the US military on the Farallon de Medinilla island, the CNMI government might as well make some money out of it. This was the contention of Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero, as he disclosed plans yesterday to visit Puerto Rico in September to learn the issues and concerns surrounding Vieques Island—also being used by the US military for bombing runs. Besides the issue of money, however, Guerrero said that he wants to meet with Puerto Rico Gov. Sila Calderon and her officials to learn first-hand about the lawsuit that a US environmentalist group has filed against the US military for the bombing exercises on Vieques.

Idle business permits may increase

In the absence of a law that requires off-island investors to put up their businesses on the island in a given period after the issuance of their respective investment visa certificates, the Northern Marianas may soon witness an increase in the number of unused permits. While no government data pertaining to the official number of unused business licenses were immediately available, the Department of Commerce disclosed one banking company based in Guam had applied for and was issued a license to operate in the CNMI but is yet to put up a branch here. Citizens Security Bank has been issued a license to operate in the Northern Marianas since May 1996 but is yet to open a branch after having its permit sit idle for a little over four years now.

Aug. 15, 2002

CUC cites preconditions in CUC-CDA deal

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. wants its stocks that would be transferred to the Commonwealth Development Authority to remain non-transferable. At the same time, it also wants that it continue to receive a waiver on the liquid fuel tax. These were the conditions raised by the utility firm during its Tuesday meeting with the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication for it to abide by the Memorandum of Agreement that CUC had earlier signed with the CDA. The meeting arose after the CUC Board of Directors raised concerns and questions over some provisions of the MOA that the CUC's former Board had signed with the CDA to settle the \$102 million it owes the CDA.

Catering company sues PSS

A catering firm that ranked fourth in the competitive bid for the Public School System's School Breakfast and Lunch Program sued the autonomous government agency Monday amid allegations that the bid evaluation process was "unfair and discriminatory." Auntie Mag's Food and Catering Services Inc., in a civil action filed before the Superior Court against PSS and Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos, asked that the agency reevaluate the bids and award the project contract to bidders in a process and manner that is "fair, equitable, unbiased and non-discriminatory." But PSS Legal Counsel Tim Connor said that Auntie Mag's, through its counsel James S. Sirok, initiated the suit without exhausting the administrative remedies. "We plan to work with Mr. Sirok, through this protest, and that calls for certain meetings," said Connor.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director
INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-11-046



INSTALLATION OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced engineering firms for preparation of a new foundation, fabrication, assembly, installation and commissioning a new Above Ground Oil Storage Tank (AST), as per the specifications contained in the bid document and monitored through a construction management firm and/or a third party quality control firm, contracted by CUC.

The new foundation, tank and accessories have been designed by a U S based company and will be supplied to Saipan port. CUC will pay for the customs clearance and delivery, freight costs to a designated location at the power plant site, which will be agreed between CUC and the winning contractor. The current schedule for delivery for the new tank to Saipan is 10th September, 2011. CUC will ensure that such schedules are promptly communicated to the contractor as soon as they are aware of any change in the schedule so that sufficient and reasonable notice is available to the contractor for their actions. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit (non-refundable) from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 250.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, until August 22, 2011.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on August 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan. Attendance is not mandatory.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC IFB 11-046 -INSTALLATION OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 31, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, without alteration. Bidders may supplement this form with additional explanation, as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, PG, via email - venu@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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CUC-IFB-11-047



QA / QC OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced third party inspection firms to provide CUC or the Construction Manager (CM), "Quality Control (QC) and Quality Assurance (QA) Services" during the preparation of a new foundation, fabrication, assembly, installation and commissioning the tank and connected pipeline, if any, as per the specifications contained in the bid document.

The new foundation, tank and accessories have been designed by a U S based company and will be supplied to Saipan port. CUC will pay for the customs clearance and delivery, freight costs to a designated location at the power plant site, which will be agreed between CUC and the winning contractor. The current schedule for delivery for the new tank to Saipan is 10th September, 2011. CUC will ensure that such schedules are promptly communicated to the contractor as soon as they are aware of any change in the schedule so that sufficient and reasonable notice is available to the contractor for their actions. CUC requires the Construction Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit (non-refundable) from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, until August 22, 2011.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on August 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan. Attendance is not mandatory.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB 11 - 047 - QA / QC OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 30, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, without alteration. Bidders may supplement this form with additional explanation, as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission. All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, PG, via email - venu@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
 Executive Director



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-048

GEOTHERMAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms to explore for and develop geothermal energy on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the purpose of generating electricity. Proximity to the active Mariana volcanic arc, extensional faulting, and the occurrence of shallow water wells with anomalous temperatures suggest that sufficient geothermal resources may exist beneath Saipan to support generation of electricity using binary plant technology.

Proposer must submit a development plan including: (1) a timeline and milestones for resource assessment, exploration drilling, resource development and plant construction, and delivery of electricity to the grid; and (2) a pricing schedule for electricity delivered to the grid. The successful Proposer must have demonstrated capability and provide equipment and materials necessary to (1) assess geothermal potential and identify targets for exploratory drilling, (2) perform exploration- and production-hole drilling, and (3) construct and operate geothermal power plants.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed to all interested Offerors, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on August 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST), at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048, Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **September 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **August 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-11-049

INSTALLATION OF SEWER SERVICE LINES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the installation of Sewer Service Lines in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists in general of the installation of sewer service lines to existing CUC sewer mains. When CUC customers are approved for sewer service, the contractor will obtain the required permits and connect them to the existing sewer mains. The work will include the sewer service line, sewer saddles, asphalt repairs, septic tank abandonment. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract or when the funds are exhausted.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 (nonrefundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on August 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-049, Installation of Sewer Service Lines" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 1, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 19, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net, Commander, Kenneth Epsilon-Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth_epsilon@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Increase pressure on Syria to end violent crackdown

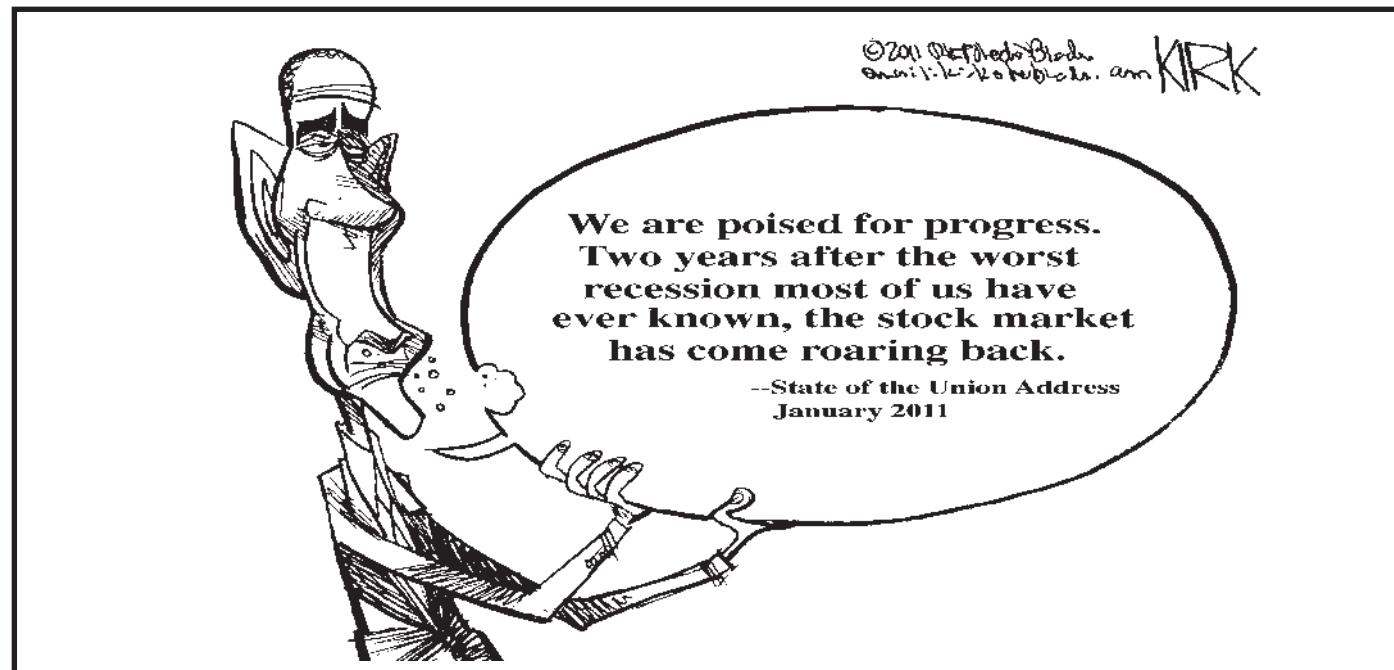
The United States is rightly ratcheting up sanctions against Syria in an attempt to bring about the end of a brutal crackdown on its pro-democracy uprising. Wednesday, the Commercial Bank of Syria and a Syrian cellphone company were added to a blacklist, meaning assets were frozen and Americans were banned from doing business with them.

Syria has long been a problem, especially with its close ties to Iran. At this point, it is difficult to see direct U.S. involvement in this crisis given the overextension of the American military and the bleak financial times. Syrian President Bashar Assad is shamelessly justifying his repression by putting out lies about the democracy protesters having ties to militant Islamic terrorists.

Fortunately, Turkey, which has already accepted many Syrian refugees fleeing the brutality, is taking a leading role in shutting down such rhetoric, and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan thinks Syria will impose important and wide-ranging reforms within two weeks.

The response to Syria remains a difficult problem for President Barack Obama. But he should keep pressure on the regime through increasing sanctions and throwing the diplomatic weight of the United States behind regional efforts to stop what is an unacceptable level of violence against good-willed Syrian protesters. For now, financial and diplomatic pressure must be enough.

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Yes, we can! Yes, we can! Yes, we can do it!

YES, WE CAN DO IT! We are going to turn our depressed economy around. We are all going to engage in building it by rolling up our sleeves and getting down to work. This morning I am going to be very frank with ourselves. No, I am not going to complain but simply ask why we aren't doing much to help ourselves. George Washington once stated: "The love of my country will be the ruling influence of my conduct." What is our ruling influence?

We will begin by farming and growing the best fruits and vegetables. As I have mentioned before we are blessed with good soil which mainly is laying fallow. We have discussed that the reason why this agriculture land is not being farmed is that we have not tried to export our produce anywhere. Instead we prefer to import much of what we can grow ourselves here. But that is about to change because action is being taken to create a means of shipping goods out of the CNMI to Guam.

My associates are working to create an air cargo bridge between Saipan, Tinian, Rota and Guam to export all the farm produce we can grow. The plan also includes a means of bringing to our islands goods that are too expensive and too infrequently shipped into our islands.

This ability to transport our goods to market will greatly motivate us to produce. Instead of exporting dollars, we will be importing them in exchange for the produce we will grow here. We will and must reverse the current trend of exporting our dollars. And all of us by investing in this venture and in ourselves will result in a YES! WE CAN DO IT SITUATION!

When I meet people who anxiously hope that the plan will successfully materialize, I also meet some who are negative about it. I ask them why. Their reply is that they do not feel that our people will not grow sufficient produce to export. They feel that our people will not strive for success. They state that we are too lazy and spoiled. In other words, there is little faith in ourselves. This is quite discouraging to hear. But frankly, I refuse to believe it. Yes, We can do it!

You have heard me asking us, the local people, to invest in the Arctic Circle Air Company. No, I am not asking foreign investors. Why? Because I want us to be vested in ownership of a business. By becoming vested we will have more of an incentive to produce and become interested in becoming economically strong. Until we take matters into our own hands, we will never become economically strong. A strong nation has strong and willing hard-working citizenry. It does not depend on outside investors except to compliment its own investors.

Tell me one investment in which we, the local people, own shares in. Do we have shares in any of the hotels, golf courses, the Tinian Dynasty, any other foreign investor venture? Why don't we?

We keep inviting foreign investors daily and what do we get for it? When are we going to step up and become investors in our own country? We must become investors and entrepreneurs of our own local enterprises. Consider the idea below.

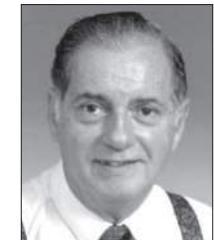
As I write this I am thinking of a great local investment that lies just across from the Palms Hotel—the closed La Fiesta Mall. What if instead of searching for outside investors, we do it ourselves. Let's say it takes \$3,000,000.00 to completely overhaul. We should be able to raise two to three millions dollars from within ourselves. There are people here with money. The rest of the money can be borrowed from banks, the CDA, and other lending institutions. We can use the mall property as collateral. We can even ask several foreign investors to invest up to 49 percent! But we will retain 51 percent controlling interest.

Then we go to Macy's, Sears and other major brand name com-

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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panies offering them space to retail their products. Set up an amusement center to attract tourists. Offer shows featuring local talent. If we like include video-gambling, etc. And the exciting thing about all of this—we, the locals, own and operate it. Think about it. Is this such a crazy idea? If we want to, WE CAN DO IT!

When the air cargo venture starts, Saipan will offer its products. Tinian will offer its products. Rota will offer its products. Think of all the people engaged in working to produce. The islands will come alive with our people bending elbows working together for a common good—to jumpstart our sagging economy. We must stop depending on handouts from governments and the crumbs thrown to us by investors. If we proclaim that this is our land and our country, we must work it. Work it—or lose it! We must decide!

Why aren't we bidding to operate the COP golf course ourselves? Money is available. Aren't we capable of operating it? Are outsiders that much more intelligent and capable than we? Well, I don't think so. Then why are we selling ourselves so cheaply? WE CAN DO IT! SO LET'S DO IT!

We run our government and decide on budgets and operate various services such as the CUC and the CHC, regardless of how badly they are operated, yet we do. So what is the difference if we operate and invest in our own activities?

Every major company starts small and grows until it becomes a huge corporation. For example, I have started several companies that people told me would certainly fail. Some have, but some have not. It is more important to try and fail than to not have tried. Even failure is 50 percent success. With a little more determination and push we can succeed.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. proclaimed about having a dream, I too have one. I want to see more locally owned businesses. I want to see our local workforce building our roads and buildings. I want to see our land produce bountiful crops to feed us and to export to our neighbors. I want to see our local citizens become owners and investors in our local enterprises. I want to see our youth come back and take control of our assets. I want us to stand tall with pride at the things we can do when we want to.

Forgive my sermonizing but unless we take control of our own resources, we will always stand in line with our hands outstretched for a handout. We have great opportunities. As a starter, invest in and work with me and my staff on the air cargo venture and the slaughterhouse. Let's use the fertile soil to feed thousands of people and ourselves. Once that becomes successful, let's venture into some others which will be owned and operated by us. YES, WE CAN DO IT!

Sometime today stand in front of a mirror and as we look at the reflection, let's be honest and tell ourselves that we can do it if we truly want to. As George Washington stated: "The love of my country will be the ruling influence of my conduct." What will be our ruling influence? Let's do it! Let's become investors and entrepreneurs in our own land.

God bless us all. Have a great day!

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Canta mi corazon en San Francisco

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Ising my heart out in San Francisco. Did, do and ever will. We went under the Golden Gate in '65 in a President liner and though Honolulu was our port of entry, we are attached to SFO. Our occasional forays to the Bay Area keep the heart-beat at a constant and lively rate.

Not really for nostalgia but more to availability and access during SF's tourist season (peaks July and August) that we parked our *dagan* at the Chelsea Motor Inn at the corner of Lombard (where it zigs and zags with eight hairpin switchbacks and the downward pitch of the self-proclaimed "crookedest street in the world" makes it the most driven-through street anywhere) and Fillmore (the 60's rock-and-acid-roll). From there we trekked through once-visited but no-longer-familiar places.

We looked out to the Golden Gate Bridge and the magnificent sunrise and sunset views have the towers romantically fog-shrouded inviting either the colored pencils on a draw pad, or the tripod with the SLR for all kinds of artsy images and photos. But mostly, the area harkens to the warm nooks of the castle rooms of the heart; the myriad offerings of gastronomic delights, and the sophisticated though blatantly hedonistic promotions in places like North Beach,

Chinatown, Haight-Ashbury, Tenderloin, Castro, etc., with all kinds of seductive come-ons, beckon our senses.

We once dwelled on an apartment building at the corner of Geary and Stockton before the new elegant Neiman-Marcus served dainty sandwiches on the fourth floor to the relatively well-to-do. It was home in the mid-60s to workers in both North Beach and the Tenderloin districts until Saks Fifth Ave. demolished the old structures. Macy's has since joined the corner and Union Square itself has become like its sister park on Park Ave. NYC, serving coffee and sandwiches to the walking and wandering throng.

Alumni of my high school class gather as INHS60, and an active group in the Bay Area frequently gathers, especially when one of us from 'overseas' comes ashore. A classmate and her Hamburg-born hubby hosted one such get-together in an elegantly decorated third floor dwelling in an area still dominated by Victorian houses updated to look the "Postcard Row" image of the homes around the seven hills of San Francisco.

The soiree honored July and August birthday celebrants that included *moi*, and we feasted on duck and pasta, fresh green asparagus and snow peas, escargot and vegetable French salad, Sangria and fresh plump cherries, cake and Merlot (and other rich tasting viands I skipped for their high cholesterol contents). The top floor of their three-storey townhouse is west of Twin Peaks on Sunset south of the Golden Gate Park.

I am the runt in our HS class and I seem to draw the sisterly and brotherly instincts of my previous study mates who pepper us with questions on what we had been up to. It turns out that I had been to more exotic places than most, and been able to write not only about events and describe ambience but also deal with the depth, height, and breadth of feelings and thoughts of them. I've been designated as one of the class writers and storytellers.

Our confidence in the uniqueness of every member of the human species was confirmed by this city on the Bay these last few days. The reality that English is the discourse in the upper echelons of

society is equaled by the polyglot at the street level, with Hispanics leading the herd, surprisingly followed by German and French, Putonghua and Filipino with their various dialects, Hindi, Urdu, Vietnamese, Arabic, Korean and Japanese. The younger generation has made peace with English as the primary tongue of choice, and even famous lilly-white Stanford mall advertising uses a generic Asian female face that is not easily pegged down to one Asian nationality. Ex-Dominican Matthew Fox battles original sin with original blessing, getting green is not just talked about but is being done, and transformative techies of every level and coloration abounds.

The humanization of the city with a global flavor is not lost when dudes wear earrings with their business suits and dudettes sport butch haircuts and leather studs to the office, accepted and celebrated without apology. The BART transport, at less than the cost of a taxi from Finasatu to Ada International, got me from Martinez on Oakland's foothills directly to the SFO International airport in less than an hour; with the added services of the MUNI, and the touristy cable cars, one sees a diverse city on the move with grace and efficiency.

That discord seethes underneath the surface of civility is to be expected from an urban setting rife with fear and suspicion. Assassinated Moscone comes to mind. But the face of politics is taking on a different hue. The Board of Supervisors appointed Ed Lee of Sino heritage as interim mayor to serve the remaining term of newly elected former SF mayor Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom. Lee immediately declared that he had no interest in retaining the office so all wannabees gave him their support. It appears that Mayor Lee has done and continues to do a superb and popular job as the hizzoner of the city and a civic movement urged him to run for the office. He declared his candidacy last week, and now he is being accused of "breaking a promise." Duh. I would think that eminently qualifies him to politics!

"Love" was in the air in San Francisco of our acquaintance of the 60s. S/he still walks its streets and we swoon each time we come through.

Hu tuñgu' na hu danche buena i torun binadu gi brusueluña ni humana halom gi korasofña. In' arastreha lastron haga'ña gi halom homhum estake sen taya' lastru. In' diñgu i lugat, sige ham mañaleg yan mañquentos pot malagu i toru. Lastima sa' siempre u matai gi kareraña ya ti hame umaprubechá. Polu pot "guaha ha' ti para hita".

Sige un' amku ume-kuñgog kumbetsasion famaguon pot responsabilat prontu gi ora gi masehafa na pinetsige. Mafaisen haf' hinasona, legña, "I sague' tasi ni unu ha nanañga". Gigon ha tutuhon milalag huyuñg gi sagua', ti u nalu halom pot guaha atrasau mattu. I puntu: Yangin hafa para un' chogue, tutuhon kontiempo para muñga diniñgu ni ora.

'Nai mayaye' tatautauhu, guaha fumaisenyu' kau guaha chetnothu. Dispues 'nai kalan lumodu' sinturahu, guaha talu fumaisenyu' hafa hu kekechogue nu guahu. De dios i pachot tautau. Tatnai mauleg. Piot i natibu ni puru entot hinassosoña siha. 'An para bai' tatiye minalagu' otru, muñga sa' ni hafa na hotma mauleg.

I manñge' na bokan natibu gai minapot mafatinas. Tat kumu motsiyas manog. De dios na chochu' deste manfe' hagun doni', tumanes yan puntan kalamasa. Dispues, un' lagnos te'lañgña i manog, un' pikan finu todú, kontodu i fina' golai.

Un' kadu i te'lañgña ya gi mismu tiempu un' pega i motsiyas gi halom satten pot para unna' masa. Trentq minuto dispues, fata' dhoñg ya un' saulag sa' paire. Piot ya unna' pikan ñaihon dididi'. De hemunos de pinegsu', siempre un' malefan ñaihon esta' i siguiente dia 'nai sinapet hau. Manñge' na boka magahet lau pot gai mutmorasion.

Gastu kontra benefisiu

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Mientras si Kilili ha espipiha impeñu para uma-inkluson Marianas gi benefisiun food stamps ni maresisibe giya America, ilegña i gobietnu as Fitial na gua-guan gaston para uma-administra i programa guine. I dichu kuestiona: kau propiu na disision i para umapuni mas benefisiu pot gai atburotu amanu 'nai para umasodadae' gaston operasion este na programa?

I ha petsisige si Kilili mafattu ginan i tatau ni rumesiside i entut na benefisiu food stamps pagu. Oppan na kontodu tautauta giya Hawaii ma-u'usa foods stamps niha fumahane man-malañgu yan familial niha neñgkanu' ginan foods ni maresisibe. Ti ileleghu legat yan pro-piu lau estague' na koyentura 'nai ma-ayuyuda i man-malañguta ni man-mareferi para hospitat Hawaii.

Anog lokue hafa i dichu asuntu na listu este na administrasion pumatañg mas ayudu para i man-na'mase': Pot galun kreditu haye

chumochogue chechoña. Si Kilili ti galun ha a'atan soluke haf'taimanu na para unna' mas antau i setbisioña gi publiku. Estague' 'nai ha pega antiosña, antios publiku kumu kabales na setbiente.

Pertsonatmente, debi u petsige si Kilili i finaisemña para i mayoria ni numesessita ayudu. Siempre gi uttimon haane u klaru amanu 'nai gaige i konsensian kinimiten para umana' libre i publiku ginan modun estau esklabu na lina'la' pagu.

Yangin gai konsensia este na administrasion ya trabiha ti kakayus sikosña ginan mantikan steak yan mahoñgañg, pues ayuda si Kilili ensegidas 'sino hame ni publiku bai'n na liliuk' petision para u klaru pot uttimu besis na magahet na ma-nesessita este na ayudu guine para i tautauta. Hafa na mamos udu, tañga yan bachel i leyisleche gi este na asuntu? Si Yuus Maase'!

Guaha ha' ti para hita

Malalagu i tiuhu gi hilu achiu' mattiñgan sige ha planta i tekin. Ti ap-mam in' lie' sige kumilulog huyuñg gi sagua'. In' fagchae' tropan mandañkulu na tataga' ni chumañlulun i tekin kulan papet. Unu ha' in' keni' gihe na biahe. Ilegña un' amiguhu, "Sun'gung sa' guaha ha' ti para hita". Hu pañot i lastiman katdume ni malagu huyuñg gi hiyuñg mattiñgan.

Mañgonge'yu' yan primuhu' dos midianu na ayuyu gi chalan Tagpochasu. Hu polu gi fihonhu mientras sige ham gumimen yan chesa. 'Nai para u hanau gi kase hihot 'las dose, hu birayu' para bai'nae' unu lau ni unu gi dos gaige. Piniloghu na kinilili' ni galagu . Gaige ha' i ga'hu dumeskakansa kontentu. Guiya buente este talu i "guaha ha' ti para hita".

to you via email through a family member (Kimo Rosario) on Aug. 6, 2011. This came shortly after I shared the official denial letter that I received from the Reno District Nevada Welfare and Supportive Services (NWSS) with Kimo. The latter informed me that the basis of the denial letter was legally flawed and outrageous—to say the least. Naturally, I agreed with Kimo which would explain my decision to appeal Nevada State's findings. In fact, prior to receiving the said letter, I was verbally informed by my caseworker that my application for Medicaid benefits was denied because "I was born before 1986, the year the Northern Mariana Islands established its political relationship with the U.S., and therefore, I am not a U.S. citizen." This prompted me to seek your assistance.

To my amazement, less than three minutes after we sent you an email seeking your help, you responded with: "Nevada cannot be more wrong. Like you, I was also born prior to (way prior to

Letter to the Editor

Nothing short of a miracle

Dear Congressman Sablan,

I am personally writing to you to express and extend my utmost gratitude for the prompt and effective assistance I received from your good office early last week. This is in regards to the reversal of the State of Nevada's earlier decision to deny me Medicaid assistance on the basis that "I am not a U.S. citizen."

As you may recall, sir, my problem was initially communicated

1986, and I am a citizen." Admittedly, this simple yet powerful statement gave me a stronger sense of hope and strengthened my confidence to challenge the State of Nevada's decision.

For your information, congressman, I applied for Medicaid benefits in February 2011. I was subsequently denied in March after the Welfare and Supportive Services Office informed me that I failed to produce the required documents requested of me. After proving NWSS wrong and showing the agency that I did in fact provided them with the requested documents, I was informed sometime in April 2011 that I had to re-apply to which I did. In the same month, NWSS informed me anew that I was denied and that I should be receiving an official letter stating the reasons behind its decision. You may not know this, sir, but I raked up a medical bill of over \$20,000 when I was hospitalized sometime in February of this year. I was informed by the Welfare Office that it would take care of this ex-

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Palau	Partly Cloudy ▲ 86 ▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms ▲ 84 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms ▲ 82 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms ▲ 84 ▼ 73
Kosrae	Thunderstorms ▲ 89 ▼ 77
Majuro	Thunderstorms ▲ 82 ▼ 78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 53 ▼ 44
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 83
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 56
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 81 ▼ 63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 79
New York	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 69
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 92 ▼ 81
Paris	Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 52
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Rome	Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 69
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 77 ▼ 54
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 62 ▼ 54
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 75
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 80
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 71

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:02 AM	6:41 PM	Today	7:28 PM	6:56 AM
Tuesday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM	Tuesday	8:04 PM	7:44 AM
Wednesday	6:03 AM	6:40 PM	Wednesday	8:40 PM	8:31 AM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM	Thursday	9:17 PM	9:18 AM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM	Friday	9:55 PM	10:05 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 11, 2011

DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

C09314 2:20am 2:50am 1, 5

SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)

C09315 4:25am 5:00am 1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

C09317 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C09315 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP
C09313 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6
C09313 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7
C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 4
C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily
C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily
5K382 11:30pm 12:20am+1 1, 5

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

C09315 5:30am 6:00am 1, 5

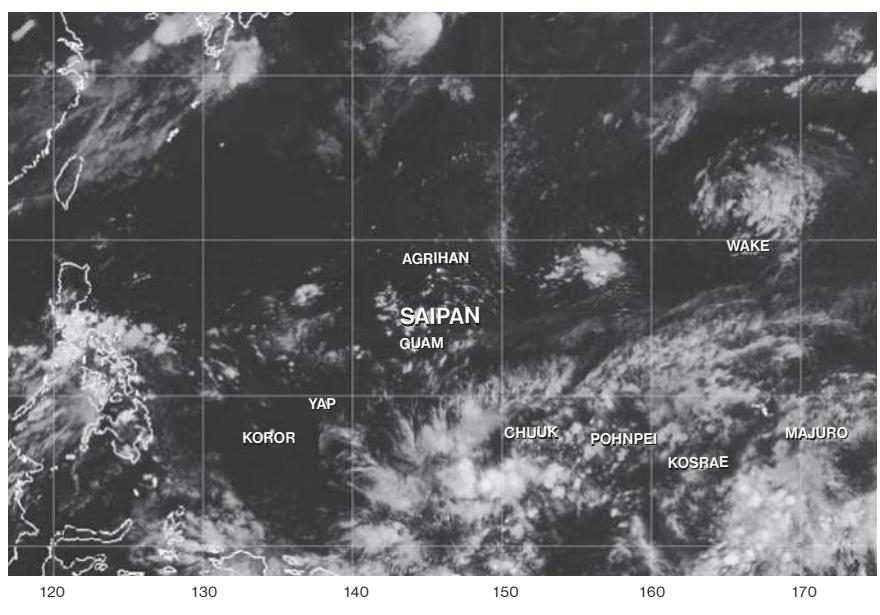
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

C09314 2:20am 3:55am 1, 5 via ROP
C09316 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387 6:30am 7:20am 3, 4, 7
C09596 6:35am 7:25am 3, 6
C09596 7:00am 7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K389 8:00am 8:50am 5
C09600 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7
C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily
C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends northeastward from southeast of Guam at 10N146E through an upper low centered north of Wake Island at 22N167E to beyond 25N at 172E. Isolated thunderstorms are found near the trough just west of Saipan between 14N and 17N from 142E to 145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen farther east near the trough south of Minami Torishima within 90 miles of 18N157E and also near the upper low between 20N and 24N from 163E to 172E. A surface trough runs northeastward from a low-level circulation centered southeast of Chuuk near 2N153E to 12N158E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the trough and circulation or west and south of Chuuk within 115 miles of a line from 9N148E to 3N149E to 4N156E. Converging surface winds east of the circulation and trough are producing widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Pohnpei and Enewetak within 115 miles of a line from 2N159E to 9N157E to 12N170E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Majuro, Tarawa and Butaritari Atolls or south of a line from 5N165E to 10N173E to 10N180.

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

02606/721 2:20am 11:50am 1 via ICN
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C09317/191 4:25am 9:45am 3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173 6:05am 9:55pm Daily via NRT
C09313/183 7:55am 8:40pm 3, 6 via GUM
C09603/183 3:05pm 8:40pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C09603/193 3:05pm 10:10pm 2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111 9:30pm 7:50am 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

02724/603 12:30am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
02750/603 1:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6 via ICN
02722/605 1:25pm 1:00am+1 7 via ICN
02722/605 1:25pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
5K169 2:55pm 10:00pm 1, 5
C0180/956 10:30pm 7:25am+1 5 via GUM
PR110/C09596 10:00pm 7:25am 5, via GUM
PR110/C09596 10:00pm 7:50am 1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline ETD ETA Frequency

Guam-Rota
FRE 113 7:30 8:00 Daily
FRE 100 8:20 8:50 Daily

Guam-Rota
FRE 119 17:00 17:30 Daily
FRE 121 17:50 18:20 Daily

Rota-Saipan
FRE 123 18:30 18:40 Daily

Guam-Rota
FRE 102 7:05 7:15 Daily
FRE 104 7:50 8:00 Daily
FRE 106

NOTHING

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orbitant medical expense once my application for Medicaid is approved. Fortunately for me, my young children's Medicaid benefits were approved.

In any case and shortly after receiving the official denial notice, I sought the assistance of an attorney who provides reasonable legal services for indigent families. A few months later, I received a call from my caseworker who asked whether I want to request a formal hearing and if I did, I should fill-out a form that I will soon receive in the mail. I told my caseworker that I wanted a hearing and that I acquired the services of an attorney. He then responded that he has to inform his supervisor about it so that the State's Attorney General can have ample time to prepare for the hearing. I responded with: "Do what you have to do, sir." It was at this very moment that I asked Kimo whether your office can help me to which he said, "absolutely!"

On Aug. 9, 2011, I sought the assistance of your office. The very next day and to my complete surprise, I received a call from the "State Capitol." It was one of your office staffers, Ms. Frances Diaz, who was kind enough to provide me daily and detailed updates on my case. And on Aug. 11 or exactly two days following my decision to seek help from your office, I received a call from my caseworker who informed me to come at my earliest convenience to meet with him. He basically told me that it is urgent that I meet with him and that I did not have to wait in line. As a matter of fact, he told me to just give him a time and he'll be coming out to the lobby to get me. Well,

I met with (expletive) caseworker at 10:30 a.m. on this day and as he vowed over the phone, he came out to get me. At our meeting, the caseworker said: "Mr. Cabrera, I don't know what you did or who you called but you did it, sir. The rules have apparently changed and you've been reinstated to receive Medicaid benefits." He asked that I excuse him for a short period while he checked with his supervisor whether my pending medical bills will be covered by Medicaid. A few moments later, he returned and said, "Not to worry, we'll take care of the tab."

Congressman, believe it or not, this development lifted a huge and heavy load off my shoulders. Imagine having to force myself not to get sick or not receiving unemployment benefits due largely to being unable afford to pay for the services of a cardiologist who needs to examine me and provide me with a medical certification. The service I received from your office is nothing short of a miracle. For that, my family and I will forever be indebted to you. You are truly a representative of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and I am extremely fortunate to have you as my Congressman. I am sure that the resolution of my case provides a refreshed sense of hope to our people, particularly in Northern Mariana Islands residents currently residing in the mainland and who might have been denied of social services on the basis that they are not recognized as U.S. citizens.

Again, Un Dangkulu na Si Yu's Ma'ase, congressman. You are indeed a true beacon of hope for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Gary Reyes Cabrera
Sparks, Nevada

Notice of Zoning Board Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Bldg., Saipan

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Comments

B. Public Hearings

1. Conditional Use Application 2011-0034 – Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. is requesting to establish a commercial garage to provide vehicle repair and custom painting services to the general public on Lot 409-1-R1, along Mnsgr. Guerrero Road in As Terlaje.

C. Communications/ Reports**D. Old Business.**

1. None

E. New Business.

1. Review and action on Board Resolution 2011-08-01, as related to SZL section 1309.

F. Executive (Closed) Session.**G. Miscellaneous:** Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

Please contact Therese Ogunoro, Acting Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661 for any questions. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

OPINION**NMC Fall 2011 registration begins today**

Registration for the Northern Marianas College's Fall 2011 semester will begin today, Aug. 15, and run through Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011.

Ongoing students can register on the day designated for their PowerCampus ID number as indicated below. Students who were eligible to register on Friday, August 12, 2011, will instead be allowed to register on Monday. New and readmitted students can begin registering for classes on Friday, August 19, 2011.

The college offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis on elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), associate degrees in business, business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

New students are required

to take the English and Math placement tests before they register. After taking the placement tests, students can obtain the required slip from the English and Math departments and meet with their academic advisors. NMC academic advisors will help new students fill in regis-

tration forms and create class schedules. Students can then finish the registration process in NMC's Room D-1.

Application for admissions will still be accepted until the last day of Registration on Saturday, August 20, 2011, provided that both placement tests

have been taken. Students may register between 9am and 6pm, Monday through Friday, and between 9am and 12pm on Saturday. Also, note that School of Education seniors and those slated to graduate in May 2012 can register on Monday. Note the following dates below:

FALL 2011 REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Aug. 15	Monday	Registration for students with PC # 000000100 through 000009660
Aug. 16	Tuesday	Registration for students with PC # 000009661 through 000011880
Aug. 17	Wednesday	Registration for students with PC # 000011881 through 000013720
Aug. 18	Thursday	Registration for students with PC # 000013721 through 000015790
Aug. 19	Friday	Registration for all New, and other Ongoing and Readmitted students
Aug. 20	Saturday	Late Registration for all New, and other Ongoing and Readmitted students

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST SCHEDULE

Aug. 15	Monday	9am-4pm	Building M
Aug. 16	Tuesday	9am-6pm	Building M
Aug. 17	Wednesday	9am-4pm	Building M
Aug. 18	Thursday	9am-6pm	Building M
Aug. 19	Friday	9am-4pm	Building M

MATH PLACEMENT TEST SCHEDULE

Aug. 16	Tuesday	10am-12pm	Room A-9
Aug. 18	Thursday	10am-12pm	Room A-9

5pm-7pm Room A-9

Ongoing students must clear any outstanding balances at the Finance Office, the NMC Library and/or Office of Admissions and Records before they can register for classes. To find out if any balances exist, students can visit the Office of Admissions and Records in Building N or call 234-5498 ext. 1528/1537.

For additional information about the placement tests and registration for the Fall 2011 semester, log on to www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT****REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP11-DCCA/HPO-119**

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

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/S/ MELVIN L.O. FAISAO
SECRETARY OF DC&CA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT****REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP11-DEQ-112**

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"PERFORMANCE OF 40-HOUR HAZARDOUS WASTE OPERATIONS EMERGENCY RESPONSE (HAZWOPER) "TRAIN THE TRAINER" COURSE FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER AUGUST 15, 2011 AT THE DEQ OFFICE OR CAN BE RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO raymasga@deq.gov.mp

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/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMA
DIRECTOR, DEQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON
DIRECTOR, P&S

**Marianas Public Land Trust
(MPLT)****ITB 11-1**

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT or Trust) invites interested insurance brokers who are licensed to conduct business on Saipan at the time of the bid submission, to submit priced bids providing Fiduciary Liability insurance.

Copies of the bid package are available from the MPLT office or via email from the Trust's Office Manager, Bobbie Reyes at bobbieannreyes@mplt.gov.mp

Three copies of complete bids shall be delivered to MPLT no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, 6 September 2011.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NNHCO) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on **Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan**. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
a. Personnel & Budget
b. Update - Telephone System
c. Update - Travel Policy

IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
a. CDBG Status Reports
b. PY 2011 CDBG Proposals

MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAM
a. Loan Status Reports by Programs / Delinquency & Litigation Report
b. Buy-Back RD Loans Status Report
c. NSP Status Report
d. Lease-To-Own of NMHC Properties
e. REO Purchase
f. MPLT Accounts at BoH Update
g. BankPacific Status Report
h. HOME Loans for Approval
i. USDA RD new MOU
j. Other Loan Matters

VI. PROGRAM & HOUSING
a. Section 8 New Construction Program: Liyo Status Report
b. Section 8 Status Reports by Location: Saipan/Tinian/Rota
c. Vacancy Program Status Report by Location: Saipan/Tinian/Rota

VII. FIELD OFFICE REPORTS
a. Tinian
b. Rota

VIII. FISCAL AFFAIRS
a. Fiscal Year 2008 & 2009 Audited Financial Statement Status
b. NMHC Current Fiscal Year Financial Statement: Funds Availability & Cash Forecast Report as of June 30, 2011
c. Amended Budget for FY 2012
d. Employees Accounts Receivable Status Report
e. BoH Reserve Account
f. Outstanding Receivable for BoH Non-MPLT and MPLT Accounts
g. HUD Grants Status Report

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

OTHER MATTERS
a. LiHTC Status Report
b. LiHTC Evaluations

XI. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **MARIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

Business

SF cell shutdown: Safety issue, or hint of Orwell?

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—An illegal, Orwellian violation of free-speech rights? Or just a smart tactic to protect train passengers from rowdy would-be demonstrators during a busy evening commute?

The question resonated Saturday in San Francisco and beyond as details emerged of Bay Area Rapid Transit officials' decision to cut off underground cellphone service for a few hours at several stations Thursday. Commuters at stations from downtown to near the city's main airport were affected as BART officials sought to tactically thwart a planned protest over the recent fatal shooting of a 45-year-old man by transit police.

Two days later, the move had civil rights and legal experts questioning the agency's move, and drew backlash from one transit board member who was taken aback by the decision.

"I'm just shocked that they didn't think about the implications of this. We really don't have the right to be this type of censor," said Lynette Sweet, who serves on BART's board of directors. "In my opinion,

we've let the actions of a few people affect everybody. And that's not fair."

Similar questions of censorship have arisen in recent days as Britain's government put the idea of curbing social media services on the table in response to several nights of widespread looting and violence in London and other English cities. Police claim that young criminals used Twitter and BlackBerry instant messages to coordinate looting sprees in riots.

Prime Minister David Cameron said that the government, spy agencies and the communications industry are looking at whether there should be limits on the use of social media sites like Twitter and Facebook or services like BlackBerry Messenger to spread disorder. The suggestions have met with outrage—with some critics comparing Cameron to the despots ousted during the Arab Spring.

In the San Francisco instance, Sweet said BART board members were told by the agency of its decision during the closed portion of its meeting Thursday afternoon, less than three hours



Commuters enter and exit a Bay Area Rapid Transit station in San Francisco's financial district in this Sept. 15, 1997 file photo.

before the protest was scheduled to start.

"It was almost like an afterthought," Sweet told The Associated Press. "This is a land of free speech and for us to think we can do that shows we've grown well beyond the busi-

ness of what we're supposed to be doing and that's providing transportation. Not censorship."

But there are nuances to consider, including under what conditions, if any, an agency like BART can act to deny the public access to a form of communica-

cation—and essentially decide that a perceived threat to public safety trumps free speech.

These situations are largely new ones, of course. A couple of decades ago, during the fax-machine and pay-phone era, the notion of people organizing mass gatherings in real time on wireless devices would have been fantasy.

BART Deputy Police Chief Benson Fairow said the issue boiled down to the public's well-being.

"It wasn't a decision made lightly. This wasn't about free speech. It was about safety," Fairow told KTVU-TV on Friday.

BART spokesman Jim Allison maintained that the cell-phone disruptions were legal as the agency owns the property and infrastructure. He added

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dow finishes wild week on an up note

NEW YORK (AP)—The wild-est week on Wall Street since the financial crisis in 2008 ended with a second day of gains. The Dow Jones industrial average finished Friday with a gain of 125 points. Most other times it would have been a fairly big day. By this week's standards,

it was a sleeper. Friday capped a week when the blue-chip index had four 400-point swings in a row for the first time in its 115-year history. Trading was frantic across financial markets all week. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note hit a record low. Gold briefly topped \$1,800 per ounce.

Italy to slash political jobs in new austerity

ROME (AP)—Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi predicted Saturday his government's emergency austerity package—which raises taxes, cuts political jobs and consolidates small towns—

while they didn't need the permission of cellphone carriers to temporarily cut service, they notified them as a courtesy.

The decision was made after agency officials saw details about the protest on an organizer's website. He said the agency had extra staff and officers aboard trains during that time for anybody who wanted to report an emergency, as well as courtesy phones on station platforms.

"I think the entire argument is that some people think it created an unsafe situation is faulty logic," Allison said. "BART had operated for 35 years without cellphone service and no one ever suggested back then that a lack of it made it difficult to report emergencies and we had the same infrastructure in place."

But as in London, BART's tactic drew immediate comparisons to authoritarianism, including acts by the former president of Egypt to squelch protests demanding an end to his rule. Authorities there cut Internet and cellphone services in the country for days earlier this year. He left office shortly thereafter.

"BART officials are showing themselves to be of a mind with the former president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak," the Electronic Frontier Foundation said on its website. Echoing that comparison, vigorous weekend discussion on Twitter was labeled with the hashtag "muBARTek."

Aaron Caplan, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles who specializes in free-speech issues, was equally critical, saying BART clearly violated the rights of demonstrators and other passengers.

Analysts: Pending price-control law could backfire

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Pending legislation aimed at curbing Venezuela's soaring inflation could backfire by boosting consumer prices, spurring corruption, stemming investment and causing more severe shortages of basic goods, analysts warned on Saturday.

Government officials and lawmakers loyal to President Hugo Chavez claim the Law for Fair Costs and Prices would help reduce Latin America's highest rate of inflation by forcing businesses to set retail prices at rates established by government officials. Among the factors that officials would consider are production costs such as raw materials and labor.

While price controls already exist, the new law would impose

such limits on a wider range of goods and give the government more enforcement authority.

"Stringent enforcement of this law will bring consequences including fewer products in markets and less investment," Luis Vicente Leon, director of the Venezuelan polling firm Datanalisis, said Saturday at a news conference. Datanalisis regularly tracks the availability of basic goods and consumer prices.

With the National Assembly expected to approve the bill within weeks, representatives of Venezuela's largest business chamber have voiced concerns that the legislation would further cut into the profits of businesses already subject to broad government oversight while

new regulations could put them at risk of bankruptcy.

Vice President Elias Jaua recently rejected claims the law would hurt businesses, saying: "Honest businessmen and merchants will continue to exist and continue their activities along with a population with increased purchasing power."

During a public forum held Saturday at a downtown Caracas plaza to discuss the bill, Adina Bastidas, an economist and member of Chavez's ruling party, defended it as a powerful tool to crack down on perverse business practices.

"This law is going to attack speculation and hoarding, as well as other factors that are detrimental to the country's economic development," Bas-

tidas said.

Annualized inflation reached 27 percent last year, and many economists expect consumer prices to grow by an even higher rate this year. The country's food prices shot up 33.7 percent during the 12 months ending in March, far above the average increase of 7.7 percent for Latin America, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

While Chavez often blames unscrupulous speculators for the price rises, many economists say his government's unrestrained spending is fueling inflation. Other critics blame government policies that have reduced domestic production amid increasing government imports of foods and other basic goods.

Spanish towns face funding crisis, rack up debts

MORATALLA, Spain (AP)—In this hillside town, topped by a medieval castle and surrounded by olive groves, the 120 municipal workers haven't been paid since May. Police have new orders not to use their patrol cars unless they get word of a traffic accident or a crime in progress.

The town pool is closed for the summer despite temperatures over 104 (40 Celsius) in the shade. Fees for the public day-care center have doubled. Water bills will soon go up 33 percent and local business owners are seething over euro9 million (\$12.7 million) in unpaid bills owed by the town hall, much of it to them.

Spain's 8,115 municipalities are being hit by a crushing revenue hangover from a nearly two-decade building boom that went bust in 2008. Officials in Moratalla believe they are the first in Spain to publicly declare their town is on the verge of going broke—and that the only way out is an unprecedented program of drastically reducing services while boosting local taxes and fees in an austerity drive that could last eight years.

Moratalla and its mammoth debt "are the mirror image of a lot of towns" that have not yet fully admitted the extent of their dire financial circumstances,

said Deputy Mayor Juan Soria. "These are hard measures, but they're necessary and I think we have to reinvent ourselves because we've lived beyond our means and we have to lower expectations."

There is growing concern in Spain that municipalities and regional governments are increasingly in danger of being unable to meet their obligations. Just this week in the region of Castilla la Mancha, not far from Moratalla, three out of every four pharmacies closed in a "strike" to protest late payment on euro125 million (\$178.12 million) owed to them by the regional govern-

ment for prescription drugs citizens get from Spain's regionally controlled national health care system.

Local and regional governments took on big obligations during Spain's boom years as their coffers swelled with revenue that has now dried up.

In many towns, employees were hired in droves as towns raked in cash from building permit fees, new business license fees and increasing property tax revenues. Officials went on a building boom of their own—constructing new roads, schools, day care centers, tourist attractions, parks and places for retirees to gather.

would quickly be passed by parliament. Berlusconi also said the euro45.5 billion (\$64.8 billion) package won praise by European leaders including German Chancellor Angela Merkel and by the European Central Bank.

Smoke forces NC-bound plane to land in Boston

BOSTON (AP)—Smoke in the cabin has forced a US Airways flight from Spain to land in Boston, and an airline spokeswoman says four flight attendants have gone to the hospital to be evaluated. Spokeswoman Liz Landau says Flight 749 from Madrid was heading to Charlotte, N.C., Saturday morning with 192 passengers and a crew of nine, but had to land in Boston shortly after 11 a.m. Landau says the smoke had dissipated by the time the plane landed, and no passengers complained of any problems. She says she doesn't know whether the flight attendants have been released from the hospital.

Nation

Authorities: 4 dead in Indiana fair stage collapse

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—At least four people were killed and 40 injured when a stage collapsed Saturday night during a storm at the Indiana State Fair, where the country group Sugarland was set to perform.

The incident at the Indianapolis fairgrounds occurred shortly before 9 p.m. when strong winds caused the rigging that holds lights and other equipment to topple onto fans, many of them in the VIP section closest to the stage. The injured included at least one child, WTHR reported.

No one was performing at the time. Opening act Sara Bareilles had finished, and the crowd was waiting for Sugarland to take the stage.

Hundreds of concert-goers rushed to tend to the injured, lifting the steel scaffolding off them and providing medical care. Emergency crews set up a triage center in a tunnel below the grandstand.

Witnesses reported seeing many people with head and neck injuries and broken bones.

Indiana State Police Sgt. Rich Myers confirmed the deaths and number of injured and said the injuries ranged from "slight to very critical." He did not offer any additional details.

Wishard Memorial Hospital spokesman Todd Harper said the hospital had 16 patients, none of whom had life-threatening



ing injuries. Harper told WTHR the hospital's youngest patient was 7 years old.

Concert-goers said an announcer had alerted them that severe weather was possible and gave instructions on what to do if an evacuation was necessary. But the same announcer said concert organizers hoped the show would go on, and many fans stayed put.

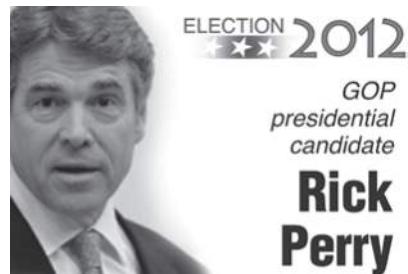
The wind that toppled the rigging

came just minutes after the announcement, fans said.

"It was like it was in slow motion," concert-goer Amy Weathers told the Indianapolis Star. "You couldn't believe it was actually happening."

Associated Press photographer Darren Cummings was in the audience attending the concert as a fan shortly before the collapse. He said he and his friends sought

2012 GOP race jolted with straw poll, Perry entry



ELECTION 2012
GOP presidential candidate
Rick Perry

Early years

Born 1950, Paint Creek, Texas
Family Married, two children
Education B.S., Texas A&M University (1972)

Military service Captain, U.S. Air Force (1972-1977)

Political career

1985-1991 Represented a rural West Texas district in the state House of Representatives; chaired Al Gore's 1988 presidential campaign in Texas; switched from Democratic to Republican party in 1989

1991-1999 Texas commissioner of agriculture under governors Ann Richards and George W. Bush

1999-2000 Texas lieutenant governor under Bush

2000-present Texas governor; assumed office after Bush was elected U.S. president, then elected in 2002 and 2006

- A fiscal conservative, he cut property taxes, but angered supporters by increasing state franchise tax

- A social conservative and fervent evangelical Christian, he opposes government funding for abortion, stem-cell research and legalizing same-sex marriage

- Pro-business and pro-states' rights; has intimated that Texas could secede from the union

Source: Texas Governor's Office, rickperry.org
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AMES, Iowa (AP)—The 2012 Republican presidential race lurched into a new phase Saturday as Iowans weighed in for the first time on their expanding field of presidential hopefuls, picking Michele Bachmann as their top choice for the GOP nomination. Halfway across the country latecomer Texas Gov. Rick Perry formally entered the race, declaring: "America is not broken. Washington, D.C. is broken."

Together, the events were certain to reshuffle the race to face President Barack Obama. Exactly how was anybody's guess, as the candidates sought an early validation that they have widespread appeal, with those further behind in the pack hoping to gain momentum and avoid increased questions over their campaign viability.

A slew of Republicans are seeking the chance to challenge Obama next fall for the leadership of a country facing a recent downgrade in its credit rating, high unemployment and Wall Street tumult. And, from Iowa to South Carolina on Saturday, several of those candidates used their perches before GOP activists in two critical early voting states to castigate the Democratic incumbent and offer themselves as the answer to an ailing America.

"We are going to make Barack Obama a one-term president," Bachmann declared to cheers on the campus of Iowa State University during a daylong political festival. A few hours later, she learned she won the Iowa straw poll and said: "This is the very first step toward taking back the White House!"

Bachmann—the tea party favorite with a following among evangelicals who make up the GOP base in Iowa

and elsewhere—got more than 28 percent of the 17,000 votes cast in the nonbinding exercise. It provides clues about each candidate's level of support and campaign organization five months before the Iowa caucuses kick off the Republican primary season.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul, who has support among libertarian-leaning voters, came in a close second. Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty was looking for a strong showing to boost his struggling campaign, but fared a distant third, raising questions about the future of his candidacy.

"We have a lot more work to do," Pawlenty said, suggesting he wasn't dropping out despite the disappointing finish. "We are just beginning."

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum was fourth, followed by businessman Herman Cain. Perry—who wasn't on the ballot but was written-in by supporters—came in sixth, just ahead of GOP front-runner Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who didn't compete in the straw poll. Also on the ballot but barely registering support: former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman and former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia.

The results are hardly predictive of who will win the state's winter precinct caucuses but the outcome can shape the race for the months ahead.

With the victory, Bachmann is all but certain to get a jolt of momentum just as Perry seeks to infringe on her base of tea party and evangelical support. She also made clear that she has a strong get-out-the-vote operation and a wide volunteer base in a state whose caucuses require those elements.

Obama sets sights on rural America to talk jobs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Trading Washington's hot house for states critical to his re-election prospects, President Barack Obama is headed to the Midwest after a summer of discontent over a protracted debt showdown with Republicans and the downgrade in the nation's credit rating.

Obama's bus tour, his first as president, begins Monday and will take him to prairie communities in Minnesota and through Iowa and Illinois, with stops in the farmland and rural towns that launched his first White House bid.

The former Illinois senator is expected to tell audiences that he agrees with their frustrations about a dysfunctional federal government.

"What we've seen in Washington the last few months has been the worst kind of partisanship, the worst kind of gridlock—and that gridlock has undermined public confidence and impeded our efforts to take the steps we

shelter in a nearby barn after seeing the weather radar.

"Then we heard screams. We heard people just come running," Cummings told the AP.

Witnesses told WTHR that some of the injured were in a VIP section in front of the stage known as the "Sugar Pit." The witnesses said a wall of dirt, dust, rain and wind came up the main thoroughfare of the fairgrounds just before the collapse.

"Panic kicked in when they seen the dust bowl coming in from the Midway," concert-goer Darryl Cox told the television station.

Another person at the concert, Emily Davis, told the station that there was lightning and the sky had gotten dark but it wasn't raining when the wind suddenly toppled the rigging.

"It was horrible, people were running and going crazy," she said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Boy Scout safe after cold night in Utah wilderness

The 12-year-old Boy Scout was scared but he still knew what to do when he got lost during a Utah wilderness outing: He built a shelter made of tree branches and wood to get through a cold night and he also covered himself in dirt to stay warm. Jared Ropelato's lean-to—a crude structure the Boy Scout manual advises Scouts to build if they become lost—kept him warm enough so he could sleep after the overnight low in Ashley National Forest dipped to 31 degrees in the area, said Daggett County sheriff's spokeswoman Karen Peterson.

Md. man held in Aruba had troubled past with women

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP)—The man authorities suspect was involved in the death of his travel companion while visiting Aruba courted other women with his blue-green eyes, offers of cruises and vacations, and his \$1.3 million stone mansion. But Gary V. Giordano's ex-romantic interests say

the allure was only surface-deep. Giordano, 50, a self-employed businessman and twice-divorced father of three sons, has denied any wrongdoing through his attorney since the disappearance of 35-year-old Robyn Gardner, who authorities believe is dead. Her remains have not been found, despite four days of searching the area where Giordano told officials an ocean current pulled her away Aug. 2 as they snorkeled.

Miss. mother, 4 young children die in home fire

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Linda Simmons Henderson walked around the burned-out apartment building and shook her head. "They said it was something to do with the stove," the 54-year-old Mississippi woman said Saturday evening. "They said it was an accident. I just know my babies are gone, all five of them." Henderson's daughter and four young grandchildren, ages 2 to 7, had died hours earlier when an early morning fire swept through their second-story Jackson apartment early Saturday.

Asia

Myanmar's Suu Kyi tests freedom, meets supporters

BAGO, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi on Sunday made her first political trip outside the repressive nation's main city since her release from seven years of house arrest, a crucial journey that will test the limits of her freedom.

The last time the democracy icon traveled into the countryside to meet supporters, assailants ambushed her entourage in an attack that eventually saw her detained and later placed under a long house arrest from which she was released last November.

Suu Kyi's one-day voyage to meet supporters Sunday in two towns north of the main city of Yangon was proceeding peacefully despite a government warning that it could trigger riots.

In the town of Bago, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate greeted more than 300 supporters at a pagoda as crowds shouted "Long Live Daw Aung San Suu Kyi!"

Maw Thuza, a 35-year-old woman watching the scene, said, "I can die happily now that I've seen her."

Suu Kyi was traveling in a three-car convoy followed by about 27 more vehicles—filled mostly with journalists and supporters. Some people stood along the roadsides to wave as she passed. Security agents, with wireless microphones protruding from their civilian clothes, monitored the visit.

Bago is about 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Yangon. Suu Kyi was also to visit political supporters in the nearby town of Thanatpin and open a public library, said one of her spokesman, Nyan Win, who said he

expected the day to be peaceful.

More trips will follow, but neither the dates nor the destinations have been decided, Win said.

Win Htein, a leader of Suu Kyi's party, said the trip was crucial because it "will test the reaction of the authorities

and will test the response of the people."

"This trip will be a test for everything," Htein said.

After half a century of army rule, the country formerly known as Burma organized elections late last year and officially handed power to a civil-

ian administration in March. But critics say the new government, led by retired military figures, is a proxy for continued military rule and that little has changed.

Some 2,000 political prisoners remain behind bars, more than 100,000 refugees live in neighboring countries and spo-

radic clashes have erupted in the northeast between government troops and ethnic militias who have been fighting for greater autonomy for decades.

On Friday, however, Suu Kyi held her second meeting with Labor and Social Welfare

Minister Aung Kyi, opening a rare channel of dialogue between the two sides. The state-run New Light of Myanmar newspaper reported Saturday that the two sides agreed to cooperate on national stability and development.



Myanmar democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi cuts the ribbon to open a library as her supporter holds a note reading "We love May May (Mother) Su" Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, in Bago, north of Yangon, Myanmar.

Gunmen abduct US man in brazen raid in Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—Gunmen kidnapped an American development expert after tricking his guards and breaking into his house in Pakistan on Saturday, a brazen raid that alarmed aid workers, diplomats and other foreigners who already tread carefully in this country rife with Islamic militancy and anti-U.S. sentiment.

The U.S. Embassy identified the victim as Warren Weinstein. Weinstein is the Pakistan country director for J.E. Austin Associates, a development contractor that has received millions of dollars from the aid arm of the U.S. government, according to a profile on LinkedIn, a networking website.

Police declined to speculate on the motive, and no group immediately claimed responsibility. But kidnappings for ransom are common in Pakistan, with foreigners being occasional targets. Criminal gangs are suspected in most

abductions, but Islamic militants, are believed to also use the tactic to raise money.

Lahore has seen a number of militant attacks, and the Punjab region where it is located is home to several of Pakistan's top militant networks, some of which are suspected of ties to Pakistani intelligence.

Police said the American, believed to be in his 60s, had returned to his home in the eastern city of Lahore the previous night from the capital, Islamabad. He had told his staff that would be wrapping up his latest project and moving out of Pakistan by Monday, police officer Tajammal Hussain said.

According to Pakistani police, two of the kidnappers showed up at Weinstein's house Saturday and told the guards inside the gate of the walled compound that they wanted to give them food, an act of sharing common during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which

started early this month.

The guards opened the gate, and five other men suddenly appeared. The armed assailants overpowered the guards and stormed into the house. Some gunmen are believed to have entered through the back. They snatched the American from his bedroom but took nothing else.

Security forces were checking vehicles in and around Lahore in hopes of finding Weinstein, said Ghulam Mahmood Dogar, a top police official.

In Washington, the State Department said it was in touch with Weinstein's family and that U.S. officials in Pakistan were working with local authorities on the case. Spokeswoman Joanne Moore would not comment further, citing privacy concerns.

Weinstein headed a program trying to strengthen the competitiveness of Pakistani industries, according to the biographical section of his company's web-

site, which was taken down late Saturday. The LinkedIn profile says Weinstein has been in Pakistan for seven years.

Calls to the company headquarters in Virginia were not immediately answered, but its website describes Weinstein as a development expert with 25 years experience and a Ph.D. in international law and economics.

"He's a short, funny man with a quick wit," said Raza Rumi, a Pakistani columnist who said the American could speak a fair amount of Urdu. "He's a very laid-back guy, not too worried about security issues, not really paranoid at all."

The audacious nature of Saturday's abduction raised the likelihood that diplomatic missions, aid groups and contracting companies would further tighten security. Already, many groups severely restrict where their international staff can travel because of kidnapping fears.

ASIAN BRIEFS

3 Filipino policemen wounded repulsing rebel raid

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—About 50 suspected communist rebels disguised as soldiers have attacked a town hall compound in the central Philippines but were repulsed by police. Three policemen were wounded in the clash. Regional police commander Cecilio Calleja says the New People's Army rebels attempted to enter a police station early Sunday in the government compound in Mobo town in Masbate province. Calleja says the policemen sensed it was an attack and opened fire, sparking a gunbattle. The Maoist guerrillas withdrew toward a forested mountain after an hour.

Rockets hit base in Pakistan, killing 3 soldiers

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP)—Intelligence officials say suspected militants have fired rockets at a paramilitary base in Pakistan's northwest during an independence day ceremony, killing three soldiers and wounding 23 others. The officials say the soldiers had just finished raising the Pakistani flag and were gathering for speeches Sunday when the rockets hit the base in Miran Shah, the main town in the North Waziristan tribal area. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Climbers scale Afghanistan's highest peak

Foreign and local climbers have recently scaled Afghanistan's highest mountain, indicating that some areas of the war-torn country are ready for a revival in international tourism, an expedition member said Sunday. The summit of 24,580-foot (7,492-meter) Mount Noshak, located in the Wakhan Corridor of northeastern Afghanistan, was reached by a team on Aug. 4, said Anthony Simms of the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society. Foreign tourists are already visiting the region—an oasis of peace but which suffers grinding poverty—and future climbing expeditions are likely. (AP)

World

Heavy clashes as Libyan rebels enter Zawiya

BIR SHAEB, Libya (AP)—Libyan rebels fought their way into the strategic city of Zawiya west of Tripoli on Saturday in their most significant advance in months, battling snipers on rooftops and heavy shelling from Moammar Gadhafi's forces holding the city.

Zawiya, 30 miles (50 kilometers) from the capital, is a key target for rebels waging a new offensive launched from the mountains in the far west of Libya, an attempt to break the deadlock in combat between the two sides that has held for months in the center and east of the country.

A credible threat from the rebels in the west could strain Gadhafi's troops, which have been hammered for months by NATO airstrikes. Defending Zawiya is key for the regime but could require bringing in better trained forces who are currently ensuring its hold over its Tripoli

stronghold or fighting rebels on fronts further east.

A group of about 200 exuberant rebel fighters, advancing from the south, reached a bridge on Zawiya's southwestern outskirts, and some rebels pushed farther into the city's central main square. They tore down the green flag of Gadhafi's regime from a mosque minaret and put up two rebel flags. An Associated Press reporter traveling with the rebels saw hundreds of residents rush into the streets, greeting the fighters piled into the backs of pickup trucks with chants of "God is great."

Gadhafi's forces then counter-attacked with a barrage of heavy weapons, and the loud crackle of gunfire could be heard as rebels and government troops battled.

Regime snipers were firing down from rooftops on the rebels, said one resident, Abdell-Basset Abu Riyak, who joined

to fight alongside the rebels when they entered the city. He said Gadhafi's forces were holed up in several pockets in the city and that there were reports of reinforcements coming from Tripoli, though there was no sign of them yet.

Rebel spokesman Jumma Ibrahim claimed that the opposition's fighters controlled most of Zawiya by nightfall. "What remains are few pockets (of Gadhafi forces) in the city," he said. "The road is now open all the way from the western mountains to Zawiya, we can send them supply and reinforcement anytime."

Perhaps more importantly, the rebels now control the main highway linking Tripoli to the Tunisian border, according to Fadlallah Haroun, the head of the rebels' security council in Benghazi. The road passes through Zawiya.

Britain's top cop slams UK role for US crime guru

LONDON (AP)—Tensions between Britain's government and police leaders flared Saturday over Prime Minister David Cameron's recruitment of a veteran American police commander to advise him on how to combat gangs and prevent a repeat of the past week's riots.

The criticism, led by Association of Chief Police Officers leader Sir Hugh Orde, underscored deep tensions between police and Cameron's coalition government over who was most to blame for the failure to stop the four-day rioting that raged in parts of London and other English cities until Wednesday.

Cameron criticized police tactics as too timid and announced he would seek policy guidance from William Bratton, former commander of police forces in Boston, New York and Los Angeles. British police have brand-

ed the move misguided and an insult to their professionalism.

"I am not sure I want to learn about gangs from an area of America that has 400 of them," Orde said of Los Angeles, which the 63-year-old Bratton oversaw until 2009.

"It seems to me, if you've got 400 gangs, then you're not being very effective. If you look at the style of policing in the states, and their levels of violence, they are fundamentally different from here," said Orde, a former commander of Northern Ireland's police and deputy commander of London's Metropolitan Police. Orde made his comments to the Independent on Sunday newspaper.

The riots row overshadowed a day of peace on England's streets and continued progress in processing more than 2,100 riot suspects arrested so far, mostly in

London, in unprecedented round-the-clock court sessions.

In England's second-largest city of Birmingham, prosecutors charged two males with the murder of three men in a hit-and-run attack Wednesday, the deadliest event during the past week's urban mayhem.

Both males—identified as Joshua Donald, 26, and a 17-year-old whose name was withheld because of his juvenile status—were being arraigned Sunday at Birmingham Magistrates Court on three counts each of murder.

The breakthrough by a team of 70 detectives came less than four days after Haroon Jahan, 20, and brothers Shazad Ali, 30, and Abdul Musavir, 31, were mortally wounded when a car struck them at high speed. The trio had been part of a larger group standing guard in front of a row of Pakistani-owned shops.

WFP expands relief work in famine-hit Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—The World Food Program said Saturday that it is expanding its food distribution efforts in famine-struck Somalia, where the U.N. estimates that only 20 percent of people needing aid are getting it.

Some of those from the outlying regions have walked for days to the capital for help, only for it to be too late.

In the pediatric ward in one of Somalia's best-equipped hospitals, a shriveled baby lies motionless on a crowded ward; a doctor said he weighs less than he did at birth. Doctors push a feeding tube down the nose of a skeletal 3-year-old, his body covered in sores. Mothers lay their babies between the cots on the floor because there are no beds left.

Banadir hospital lacks equipment

she said.

The U.N. estimates that 2.8 million Somalis need food aid, and 2.2 million of them live outside the capital in areas controlled by Islamist rebels, who have forbidden many aid agencies to work in their territory, including the U.N.'s World Food Program. But WFP is already getting aid to some areas in southern Somalia that had been inaccessible a month ago, said one official.

"We are expanding our activities in Mogadishu and we are looking to dramatically increase those activities over the coming days and weeks as the security situation in the city permits," said Stanlake Samkange, the WFP regional director in East and Central Africa. More aid was getting to southern Somalia as well, he said.

That's why aid agencies urgently need to increase their efforts to reach families beyond the Somali capital, said Valerie Amos, the U.N.'s top humanitarian official, on Saturday. Wastelands in the battle-scarred capital are being transformed into makeshift camps as families move in and set up shelters, hoping for help.

"We have to start getting aid out to them to avoid a massive influx of people into the city,"

Health & Fitness

'Amazing' normalcy for those with face transplants



AP

In this undated photo provided by Brigham and Women's Hospital, Charla Nash is seen after her May, 2011, face transplant at the hospital. The Connecticut woman was mauled by a chimpanzee in 2009.

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP MEDICAL WRITER

They savor pizza and burgers, no longer frighten children, and many of them can walk the streets without people knowing they have someone else's cheeks, nose, lips and skin. People who have had face transplants increasingly are going public, helping to transform an operation that six years ago was daredevil theory into one that is widely accepted.

At least 18 face transplants have been done around the

ON THE NET

■ Chimp attack woman:
<http://bit.ly/kcxTfi>

world, starting with a French woman mauled by her dog in November 2005, said Dr. Maria Siemionow, at Cleveland Clinic. She did the first face transplant in the U.S. in December 2008.

Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston has done three this year alone. The U.S. Department of Defense is providing money for more of these surgeries in Cleveland and Boston in hopes of helping soldiers disfigured in battle. The University of Pittsburgh plans to offer face transplantation soon.

"It isn't mainstream yet. It's a last resort surgery," said Michael Cunningham, a psychologist at the University of Louisville, a pioneer in hand transplantation. But the face transplant experience so far shows that "there were a lot of naysayers and worries that just didn't seem to come to pass," he said.

On Thursday, the Boston hospital released a photo taken last month of Charla Nash, a Connecticut woman mauled by a chimpanzee. She had a face transplant in May.

"I will now be able to do things I once took for granted,"

ed," Nash said in a statement. "I will be able to smell. I will be able to eat normally. I will no longer be disfigured. I will have lips and will speak clearly once again. I will be able to kiss and hug loved ones. I am tremendously grateful to the donor and her family."

Not all face transplant recipients have recovered hoped-for capabilities yet, and some have less than stellar aesthetic results although they are all vastly improved from how they looked before. The more recent ones in particular, where full rather

than partial transplants have been performed, have fared especially well.

"They look from the very beginning quite natural and quite normal," said Dr. Bohdan Pomahac, who has performed four face transplants at Brigham. The most touching moment for him was a recipient texting him nine days after the operation, asking for a place to get good sushi in Boston.

"The level of normalcy," and to consider going out in public so soon, is "amazing," Pomahac said.

Here's how some others have fared:

■ Dallas Wiens, a 25-year-old Texan severely disfigured in a power line accident, looked like a sack of flesh had been pulled over his face - no eyes or nose and barely a mouth. After his transplant earlier this year in Boston, he said the first thing his young daughter told him was "Daddy, you're so handsome." He said his new face felt "natural," and that right away he could smell the hospital's lasagna.

■ Connie Culp, 48, an Ohio woman who was the first U.S. face transplant recipient, has

made several television appearances and become an advocate for organ donation. Doctors have refined the droopy jowls and extra skin they purposely left to make checkup biopsies easier, and she now has "a normal face," Siemionow said. "She's smiling, she's perfect. When she jokes, she kind of flickers her eyes. Her face is vivid. You can see emotions."

■ Mitch Hunter, 30, of Indiana, wore a prosthetic nose and had a distended, lopsided jaw after being disfigured in an accident. Now, he could pass you on the street and you wouldn't guess he has a new face, so good is his cosmetic result.

The successes have led more hospitals to approve face transplant protocols.

"We're currently screening patients," said Dr. Joseph Losee of the University of Pittsburgh. Carefully selecting appropriate patients "is the most important thing," he said.

So far, only two face transplant-related deaths have been reported, said Dr. John Barker, former director of plastic surgery research at the University of Louisville who is now a reconstructive medicine researcher at the University of Frankfurt in Germany.

One was a Chinese man who reportedly was not given or did not take medicines to prevent his body from rejecting his new face. The other was in Paris, a man who received a face and a double hand transplant. He suffered a heart attack during surgery to address a complication, Barker said.

Overall, "I think it's gone fabulously," he said of face transplantation. "It is a clinical alternative now, not experimental," he said. "It's been done and it works. For a select group of patients, it is a viable treatment."

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51. Manoa Waterfalls.

Nestled deep in lush rainforest is one of Oahu's most beautiful spots—the 150-foot Manoa Waterfalls—which was used by Hollywood director Steven while filming the 1997 film, “The Lost World: Jurassic Park.” The hike to the waterfalls gradually ascends through a rainforest that could get so muddy and slippery, but can be completed in less than an hour. It was too muddy that day, so I threw away my white socks after using them at the hike.

The relaxing hike in the rainforest was a sensory overload—a variety of native Hawaiian plants, giant trees, smaller waterfalls and beautiful rocks, a gorgeous bamboo forest, birds, geckos, and then the nearly vertical waterfalls. We had our photos taken by other visitors to the site who, like us, were amazed by the sheer beauty of the natural waterfalls and the surroundings. I highly recommend this hike to anyone visiting Oahu.

52. Lyon Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

To the left of the beginning of the trail to Manoa Falls is the Harold L. Lyon Arboretum and Botanical Garden which we weren't able to visit (maybe we should have!) According to the University of Hawaii website, this is the only university botanical garden located in a tropical rainforest in the United States.

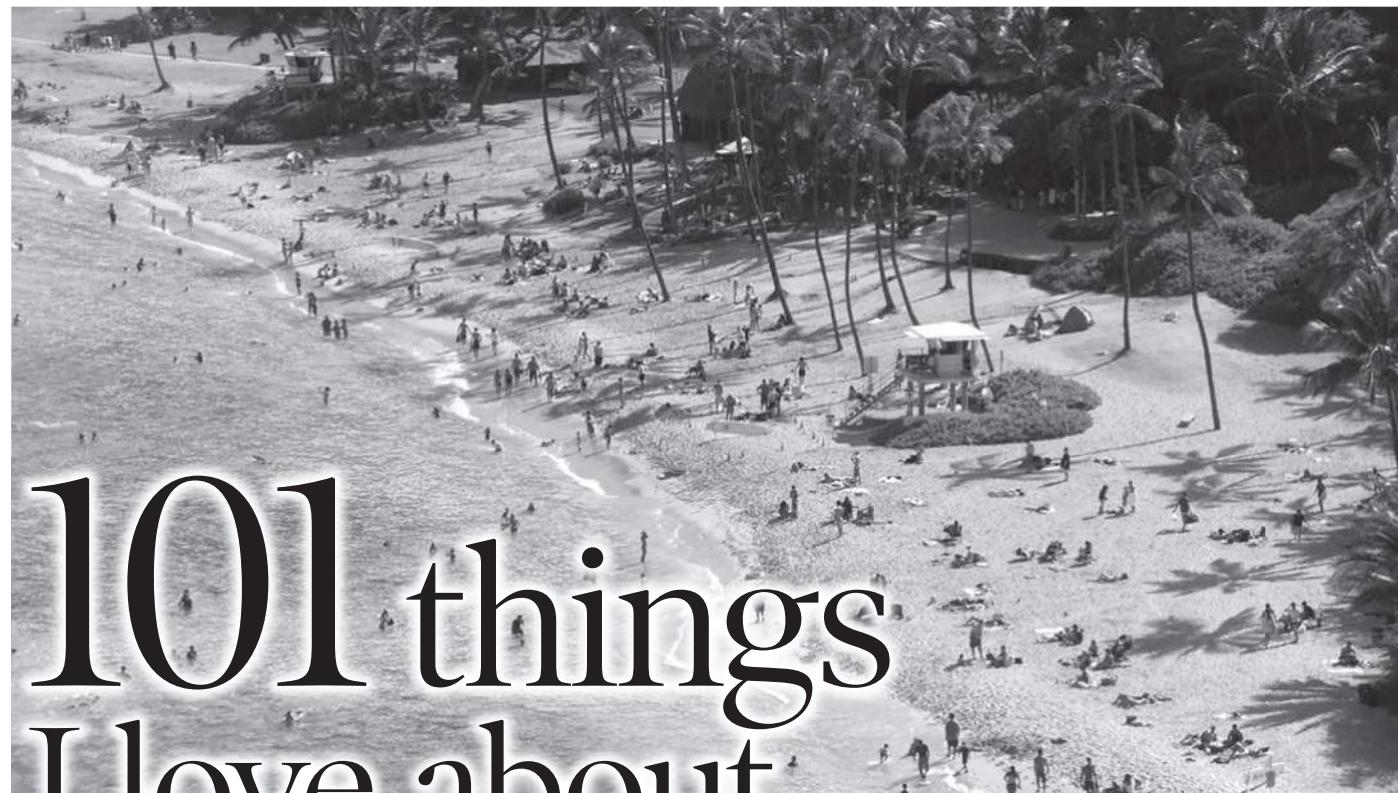
53. Makapu'u Point. But while we skipped the Lyon Arboretum and Botanical Garden, we did another hike that same day—to the 647-foot high Makapu'u Point on Oahu's south shore. Barely minutes into the hike, I was able to redefine the term “breathtaking hike” because I was already gasping for breath. What with two hikes a day after coming back from a side trip to California, cocktail drinks the night before, and no shade around? It almost took my breath away, literally.

Good thing, the views of Koko Head Crater, Rabbit Island, the Koolau mountains, the windward Oahu coast and Molokai and Maui on the far horizon (because it was a clear day), among other things, were more breathtaking than what I was complaining about.

Minutes after we reached the



Arts and crafts booths at Kapiolani Park in Honolulu. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



101 things I love about Hawaii (Part III)

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The author at the summit of the 1,208-foot Koko Crater, looking down at Hawaii Kai, the Waikiki skyline, Diamond Head and Hanauma Bay. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

summit of the paved trail, we saw some familiar faces—a couple and a family we also met during the Manoa Waterfalls hike earlier that day. The cool breeze and the amazing views, including the red-roofed lighthouse, made the hike all worthwhile. The fence at the lookout had some padlocks secured to it and people call those prayer padlocks or lovers' padlocks.

54. Koko Crater Hike.

The hikes to Manoa Waterfalls and Makapu'u Point were just a warm-up for what was to come the following day: A hike to the Koko Crater. And while Makapu'u Point made me redefine the term “breathtaking

hike,” Koko Crater gave me new meaning to the phrase “killer hikes, killer views.”

Koko Crater is a massive cinder cone whose peak rises to 1,208 feet, putting one's cardiovascular and muscular strengths to test. It's not for the faint-hearted. The trail is marked by old railroad ties laid down as a part of an incline tram system used to haul supplies to the military bunkers on top of the crater during World War II.

There are 1,048 railroad ties or “steps” to the top of Koko Crater. But fatigue set in even before I could reach the first 100 steps, considering the activities of the previous days. There were times when the sound of gunfire from the nearby firing range became a lot more appealing than the hike I thought I was prepared for. Adding to my misery was the dust that irritated my eyes during the first few minutes of the hike.

I had already thought about not finishing the trail, but I was thankful I snapped out of it. At one point, I asked whether there's an ice cream stand at the summit as reward for everything. What others considered the most ter-



There are 1,048 railroad ties or “steps” leading to the summit of Koko Crater. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

rifying part—the rickety bridge suspended some 10 to 15 feet above the ground—was ironically the easiest for me on the way up. The trick was to not think about how treacherous it was. One misstep and you could tumble down the crater. There were people crawling on all fours on the way up and on the way down in this portion of the trail.

The panoramic views at the

▲ Hanauma Bay, located just past Hawaii Kai on Oahu, is best known for its sapphire and turquoise waters that are perfect for snorkeling and scuba diving.

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summit made the “killer” or strenuous hike all worthwhile. We were looking down at Diamond Head, Hanauma Bay, Hawaii Kai and the Waikiki skyline.

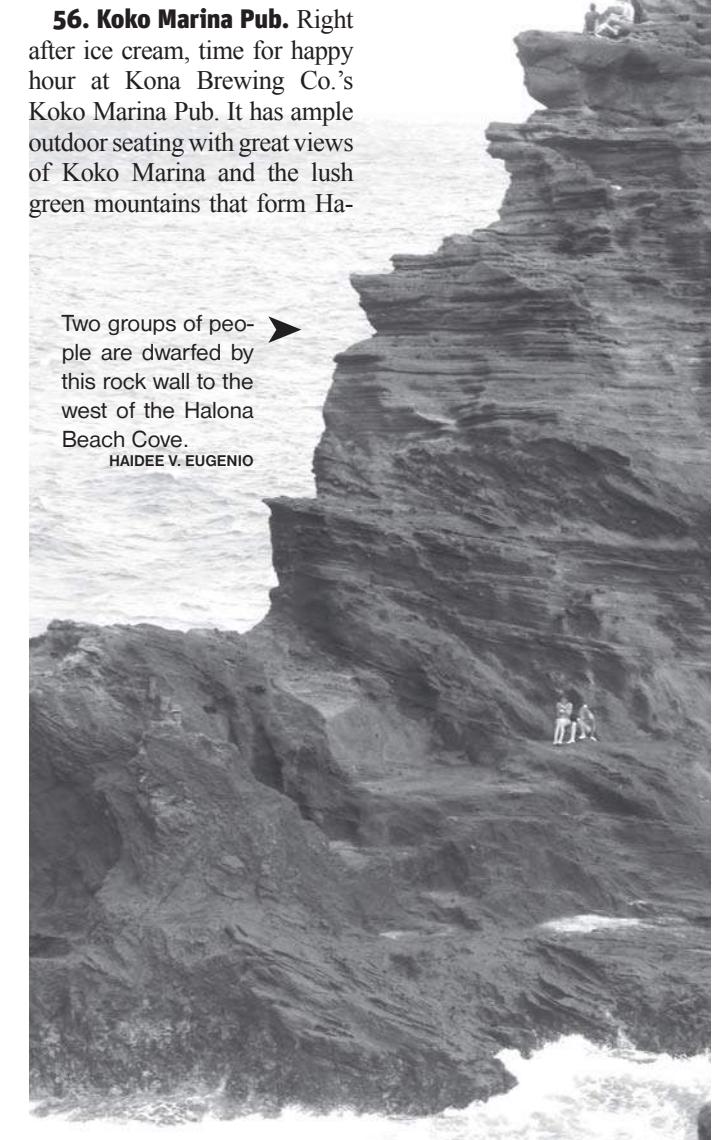
Coming down was thankfully a lot easier. Koko Crater “cured” me of my hiking for the rest of my Oahu trip. It was difficult to use any kind of stairs or hop in or out of any vehicle up to two days after that hike.

55. Ice cream. My reward for the strenuous Koko Crater hike was a scoop of coffee-flavored ice cream at Koko Marina.

56. Koko Marina Pub. Right after ice cream, time for happy hour at Kona Brewing Co.'s Koko Marina Pub. It has ample outdoor seating with great views of Koko Marina and the lush green mountains that form Ha-

Two groups of people are dwarfed by this rock wall to the west of the Halona Beach Cove.

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waii Kai, providing a backdrop for yet another beautiful sunset.

57. Aloha Tower. This historic destination in the heart of Honolulu's bustling harbor is an open-air, waterfront marketplace that also features several bars. You can't miss the giant clock. The first time I passed by the area, I remember checking the color of the water and seeing striped tropical fish swimming in it.

58. Gordon Biersch Micro-brewery Restaurant. This is my favorite bar on Oahu. Gordon Biersch is Hawaii's first brewpub and is located at the Aloha Tower marketplace. While I am no fan of beer or fresh brew, this open-air bar's waterfront views, guest bands and good cocktail drinks made our every visit a treat, except for one night I was so exhausted that I was almost half asleep in the bar.

59. Powerhouse. Capping my birthday was, as you would have guessed, another visit to Gordon Biersch. My friend did a real good job of bringing me there when the guest band was Powerhouse, playing mostly classic soul and old school horn band hits, which were among my favorites.

60. Sandy Beach. Along a rugged, swell-splashed coastline is the popular Sandy Beach which could really be treacherous when the surf is up because of the strong currents of the Molokai Channel. It is a popular spot for bodysurfing and boogie boarding.

61. Up and away. Every

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Humanities Council turns 20

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Over 300 humanities advocates and supporters gathered at Pacific Islands Club's Magellan restaurant Friday night to join in the celebration of the NMI Humanities Council's 20th anniversary for a fundraising dinner.

Established in 1991, the NMI Humanities Council is a private, non-profit corporation which aims to foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual



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Guests check out some of the donated artwork and merchandise for the silent auction.



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Guam Senator B.J. Cruz, left, and Guam House Speaker Judith Won Pat present a commendation from the Guam Legislature to NMI Humanities Council board members.



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Washington delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan and members of the CNMI Legislature pose for a photo with Guam Senator B.J. Cruz and Guam House Speaker Judith Won Pat.

needs and interests of the people of the CNMI.

Friday's program featured the presentation of congressional recognition to the council's current and former board members from the 31st Guam Legislature, the 17th CNMI House of Representatives, and the U.S. House of Represen-

tatives by Guam Senator B.J. Cruz, Guam House Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, CNMI House Speaker Eli Cabrera, and Delegate Gregorio "Kili" Sablan.

The evening was highlighted by the special remarks entitled "I Korason Un'Mestisun Americano" of

Fr. Eric Forbes of Guam, who underlined that people have a choice in defining who they are and the limitations inherent in this free will.

The event also featured some 15 donated artworks and signature items that were auctioned off as well as prizes given away in the raffle draw.



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Fr. Eric Forbes is flanked by NMI Humanities Council board members and other humanities advocates and supporters.

American Red Cross NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh won the grand prize of two roundtrip tickets to Hong Kong courtesy of Fly Guam.

Live entertainment was provided by Larry Lee, Kaliko Johnson, and Virgil Viray.

NMI Humanities Council

board chair Tracy Guerrero, in an interview, said the event turnout was beyond expectations. "I wasn't expecting this many people to come and I'm so pleasantly surprised that we had this many people who care so much about the humanities in the Northern Marianas and I'm just happy that this has

been a very successful event."

For his part, executive director Scott Russell said, "I think everybody had a great time. I thought Fr. Forbes did an excellent job with his lecture. I'm just very thankful for all the people in the community that supported the Humanities on its 20th birthday."

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time we pass by Sandy Beach, there were always people flying their kites at the big grass lawn fronting this beach. A lovely sight, too.

62. Halona Blowhole. This was one of the first few places my friend brought me to. But it was during the second visit when I was really able to see it in its full glory. That day, the blowhole shot up water some 10 to 20 feet in the air, giving those looking at it great photo opportunities.

63. Halona Beach Cove. To the right of the Halona Blowhole is the picturesque Halona Beach Cove. Among my fa-

vorite photos of Oahu are those of people dwarfed by the rocky perch to the west of this cove. It was only later that I learned this spot is known for the famous love scene between Burt Lancaster and Deborah Kerr in the 1953 movie, "From Here to Eternity." And because of the movie, the beach was nicknamed "Eternity Beach."

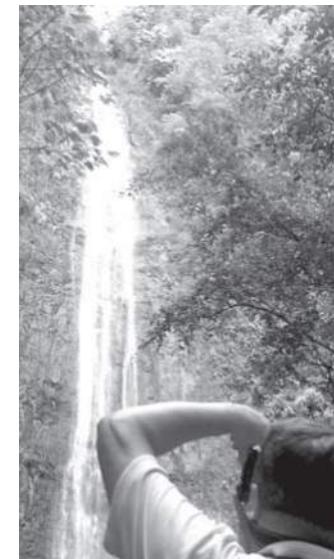
64. Hanauma Bay. Located just past Hawaii Kai, Hanauma Bay is in the crater of an ancient volcano. This sheltered bay of sapphire and turquoise waters is a world-class snorkeling and scuba diving spot where they say the fish are so tame that they will eat right from your hand. It is one of the most visited spots on Oahu.

65. Ala Moana Beach Park.

If Waikiki Beach is too crowded for you, head out to Ala Moana Beach Park which is frequented mostly by residents for laid-back picnicking and water sports – minus the tourists.

66. Obama-fever. A tour guide pointed us to the hospital where President Obama was born, on our way to a tour of Pearl Harbor. My friend also pointed me to the apartment where Obama's family stayed. Then there's Kokonuts Shave Ice & Snacks where Obama bought sweet treats for his daughters while vacationing on Oahu. Obama was born in Honolulu in 1961, two years after Hawaii became a state.

67. Lanikai Beach. An FBI agent who was on Saipan in June and is stationed on Oahu recommended a visit to Lanikai Beach in Kailua. Lanikai means "royal sea" or "heavenly sea" in Hawaiian. Its protected lagoon is like a big, tropical swimming pool, making it good for swimmers of all ages year round. It's also great for snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, sunbathing and kayaking, especially to the scenic offshore islands of Mokulua (Two Islands) which provide birds with sanctuaries while also serving as a great backdrop for



A tourist takes a photo of the majestic Manoa Waterfalls, which can be accessed through a lush rainforest.

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photos. No wonder the agent said this about Lanikai Beach: "It is heaven."

68. Tiki's Grill & Bar. This spot at the Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel, which offers indoor and outdoor seating, was packed even on the rainy nights we went there. For two nights, we stopped by Tiki's to wait for the rain to stop. I remember ordering coffee which they didn't let us pay and we surmised that it's complimentary

drink for any designated driver. Or so they thought.

69. Da Kitchen. This restaurant is known for its large servings of local and Hawaiian food. It's where I tasted that superb lomi salmon, a popular side dish of tomato and salmon salad.

70. Ala Moana Shopping Center. This is shoppers' paradise. Ala Moana Center, just minutes from Waikiki, is a premier international and local shopping destination with over 290 shops and restaurants. It is one of the largest open-air shopping centers in the world, carrying beachwear to high fashion, casual dining to fine dining. I could stay there the whole day and include it in my list of places to "hike or trek."

71. Fashion capital. From beach wear to formal wear, Honolulu has got to be the fashion capital of this side of the world. It's like watching a fashion show, with Honolulu's streets as the ramp for tourists and residents donning the latest and coolest island and city clothing.

72. Waikiki Trolley. This is one of the cheapest and most touristy rides you could ever have on Oahu. It stops at historic attractions, major shopping and dining destinations and spectac-

ular ocean coast sceneries.

73. Kapiolani Park. When you just want to relax, Kapiolani Park could suit you just fine. It is Hawaii's oldest and largest public park and home to some of Hawaii's most famous landmarks, including historic Diamond Head and the Honolulu Zoo. It is a sprawling 500-acre preserve listed on the state of Hawaii's Historic Register. Of particular note are the many 100-year-old and older banyan trees.

74. Arts and Crafts. Kapiolani Park was host to an arts and crafts bazaar one Saturday I was there. That's where I bought some Made-in-Hawaii women's accessories and other gifts for friends. There were also some refreshment stalls, and performing artists.

75. Aloha Spirit. Such a beautiful place like Oahu is also blessed with people embodying the Aloha Spirit, a well known reference to the "attitude of friendly acceptance for which the Hawaiian Islands are so famous." The word "Aloha" means more than hello or goodbye, but a way of sharing everything joyful. It surely makes every vacation in Hawaii unforgettable.

To be continued.



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Makapu'u Point's red-roofed lighthouse on Oahu's south shore.

Rapper could face charges tied to flash mob calls

OS ANGELES (AP)—A rapper could face criminal charges after a tweet from his account incited a telephone flash mob that overwhelmed the emergency phone system at one of busiest stations of the Los Angeles County sheriff's department, the agency said Saturday.

The sheriff's department alleges The Game tweeted the Compton station's phone number Friday and told his 580,000 followers to call the number if they wanted an internship.

Phones at the southeast Los Angeles County station started ringing at 5:23 p.m. Friday, and the lines were jammed by hundreds of calls for more than two hours, prompting authorities to bring in additional help. Many callers hung up as soon as someone answered, while others asked deputies about a music internship.

During that time people with legitimate issues that included a missing person, spousal abuse and two robberies were also trying to call in, department spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

Sheriff's Capt. Mike Parker said that when authorities finally figured out what had happened, he sent two tweets to the rapper asking him to take down the number. Instead, Parker said, The Game posted that his

account had been hacked and also tweeted that it was an accident.

"Yall can track a tweet down but can't solve murders!" the tweet said. "Dat was an accident but maybe now yall can actually do yall job !!!!"

A call and email to The Game's publicist, Greg Miller at Big Hassle Media, was not immediately returned.

The rapper finally took down the number around 11 p.m. Friday after a third request from Parker, who took particular issue with the accusation that deputies are not doing their job.

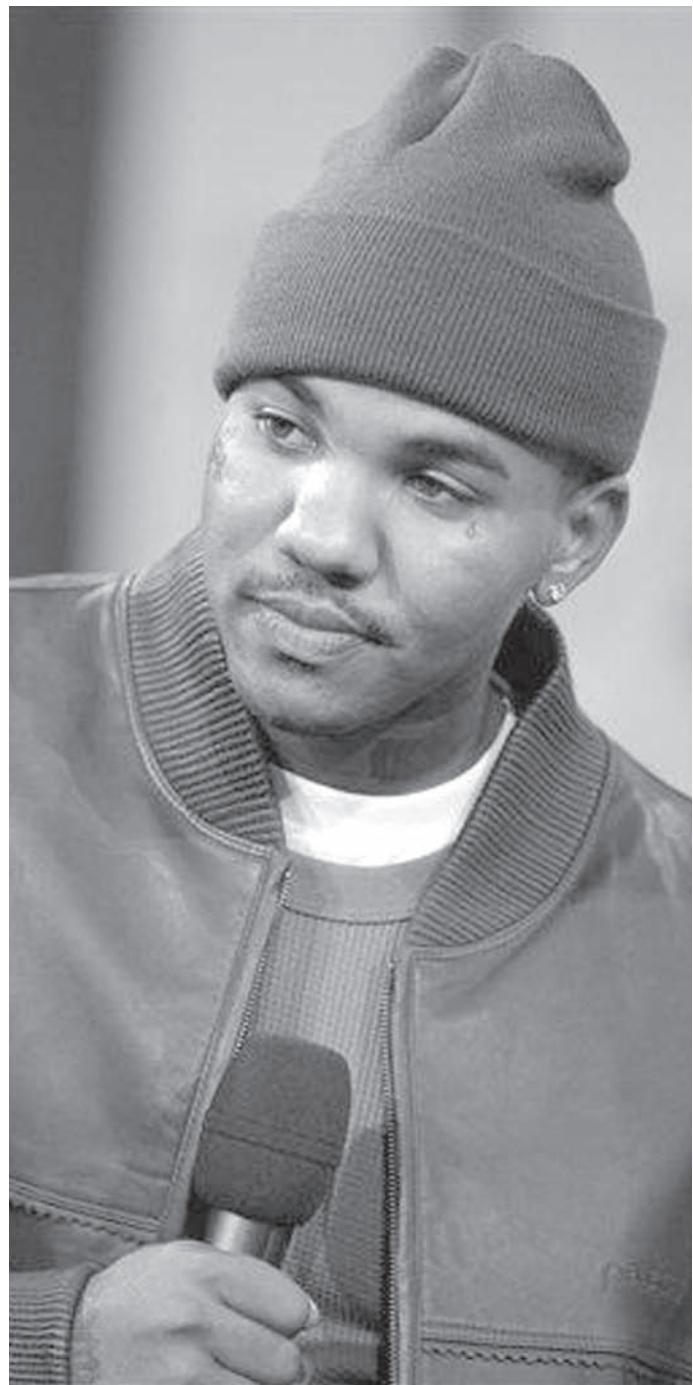
"Under the LA county sheriffs we've reduce homicides in Compton by over 50 percent in recent years and crime is down in Compton, but it's particularly helpful when the public can contact us," Parker said Saturday in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "This incident was the social media equivalent of going into a crowded movie theater and shouting 'Fire!'"

Investigators will document what happened, how many calls flooded the station, the rapper's tweets and other information, and will turn it over to the district attorney's office next week, Parker said. The rapper could face charges of maliciously disrupting or impeding communications over a public safety radio frequency, obstruction of justice or other charges related to delaying a peace officer from doing their job.

"Public safety was absolutely compromised," Parker said. "We were delayed in responding to calls."

The Game is a California-based rapper whose real name is Charles Louboutin, the sheriff's office said in a release.

His 2005 debut album, "The Documentary," entered the charts at the top and sold 586,000 units in the first week, according to his website. The rapper, who grew up in Compton, has collaborated with famed rappers including Dr. Dre, Kanye West and 50 Cent.



AP

Rapper The Game appears on stage during MTV's "Total Request Live" show at the MTV Times Square Studios, in this Nov. 13, 2006 file photo taken in New York.

Comic Colbert using PAC to encourage Iowa vote

NEW YORK (AP)—Stephen Colbert's latest attempt at campaign mischief-making involves encouraging Iowans to write in a false name during the weekend's presidential straw poll, but one television station in Des Moines isn't playing along.

Colbert, who formed a "super PAC" this year and won approval from the Federal Election Commission to begin taking contributions, is encouraging Iowans to vote for "Rick Parry" during Saturday's test vote for Republican presidential candidates.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, with an "e," signaled his intention to join the GOP presidential scrum on Thursday but is not on the straw poll ballot. Voters are able to write in candidates, however.

The comic, who portrays a mock political talk host on his Comedy Central show, produced two television commercials through his PAC, laden with images of corn and farms, asking for the "Parry" vote. "That's 'Parry' with an 'a' for America, an 'a' for Iowa," one ad says.

On his show Thursday, he encouraged the misspelled vote "because there's no 'e' in 'team.'"

Colbert bought commercial time to run his ads on the NBC and CBS affiliates in Des

Moines. But the ABC affiliate, WOI-DT, rejected the ads. In an email sent to Colbert, the station said the ads would confuse voters.

"The Midwestern media elite are trying to silence us," Colbert said. "They don't want your voice to be heard, folks. The fat cats in Des Moines think they can sit in their ivory corn silos and play puppet-master with our national politics."

The station's vice president and general manager did not immediately return phone and email messages Friday.

Lawyers at KCCI-TV, Des Moines' CBS affiliate, looked the ads over and had no problems with them, said Paul Fredrickson, the vice president and general manager. There's been little reaction, he said. Dale Woods, general manager at the NBC affiliate WHO-TV, said he'd received no phone calls about the ads.

"In summary, it's really something we haven't seen before," Fredrickson said.

Colbert, who is name-checking contributors to his PAC on his website, said that it is "165,000 strong."

Colbert tried to run as a Democrat during the 2008 primary in his native South Carolina, but party officials kept him off the ballot.



Comedian Stephen Colbert appears before the Federal Election Commission in Washington, Thursday, June 30, 2011.

'Lone Ranger' filming shut down over budget issues

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Walt Disney Studios' much-anticipated big-screen adaptation of "The Lone Ranger" starring Johnny Depp and Armie Hammer has been shut down, according to a source close to the production.

Those involved in the project are figuring out their next steps, and it's possible filming could

resume, said the source, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the discussions and requested anonymity.

The development was first reported in Deadline Hollywood, an entertainment industry news website. It cited difficulties with reducing the movie's estimated \$250 million cost to \$200 million.

Jerry Bruckheimer was set to produce the film with a script by Justin Haythe. Hammer was expected to play the title character, and Depp was set to be the Lone Ranger's partner, Tonto.

The Lone Ranger show—about a masked Texas Ranger who battles injustice in the Old West—first aired on radio in the 1930s and became a hit TV se-

ries during the 1950s. The movie adaptation was scheduled to be released Dec. 21, 2012.

The film would bring together Depp and Bruckheimer, who have collaborated on the wildly successful "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise. That franchise has raked in billions of dollars in worldwide box office sales for Disney.

MADRID (AP)—The organizing committee of Spain's premiere film festival says Hollywood actress Glenn Close is to receive this year's edition of its lifetime achievement award.

The actress will also introduce her latest work, "Albert Nobbs," a movie directed by Rodrigo Garcia which depicts life in 19th century Ireland, at the San Sebastian Festival, it said in a statement Friday.

Glenn Close to receive Spanish film award

Previous recipients of the Donostia lifetime award have included American actors Richard Gere and Meryl Streep, Spanish actor Antonio Banderas and Norwegian actress Liv Ullmann.

The annual festival is due to culminate with a star-studded red carpet award ceremony on Sept. 18 in the northern seaside city of San Sebastian, known as Donostia in the local Basque language.

Isabelle Huppert wins Stockholm film prize

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Stockholm Film Festival organizers say French actress Isabelle Huppert will be honored with its 2011 lifetime achievement award for a career in movie and television spanning almost four decades.

Huppert, 53-years old, made her screen debut in 1972 and has appeared in more than 90 productions, including "The Lacombe," "Madame Bovary" and

"Heaven's Gate." She received the best actress award at the Cannes Film Festival for her 2001 role in "The Piano Teacher."

The festival's jury on Friday described her as "one of the most diverse and intrepid film personalities ever."

Huppert will receive the award at a ceremony in Stockholm during the Nov. 9-20 film festival.

Heather Locklear engaged to TV co-star Jack Wagner

NEW YORK (AP)—Heather Locklear is engaged to fellow “Melrose Place” actor Jack Wagner. Locklear spokeswoman Sarah Fuller confirmed the engagement on Friday but offered no other details.

The actress’ divorce from Bon Jovi guitarist Richie Sambora was finalized in April 2007. She had been dating Wagner since at least 2008. Locklear and Wagner worked together in the 1990s on “Melrose Place,” a spinoff

of “Beverly Hills, 90210.” Locklear played Amanda Woodward. Wagner played Dr. Peter Burns.

Locklear also starred on the prime-time soap opera “Dynasty” and the William Shatner police drama “T.J. Hooker.”

Wagner isn’t just an actor. He sang the 1980s pop hit “All I Need.” And he’s an accomplished golfer who twice has won the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship, an event usually won by professional athletes.

Daniel Baldwin, wife dropping divorce filings



In this April 16, 2009 file photo, actor Daniel Baldwin, a cast member in “Grey Gardens,” poses with his wife Joanne at the premiere of the HBO film in Los Angeles.

LAKE OSWEGO, Ore. (AP)—Daniel Baldwin’s wife says the couple is attempting to reconcile and is dropping divorce filings.

Joanne Baldwin told The Oregonian (<http://bit.ly/r33bf0>) on Friday that “we have a lot of work to do in our marriage.” The actor filed for divorce last month and was granted a restraining order against his 41-year-old wife.

The newspaper reports a Clackamas County court has dismissed the restraining order. Baldwin’s manager did not respond to a request for comment.

Joanne Baldwin says she is living separately from her husband but they have joint custody of their two daughters, ages 1 and 3.

She was jailed July 13 after her husband reported she became violent when she drank and threatened to kill him. A judge gave her a 10-day sentence for violating probation on a drunken driving conviction.



In this Oct. 17, 2010 file photo, actress Heather Locklear arrives at the WTB Spring 2011 Fashion Show at Sunset Gower Studios in Los Angeles.

Alec Baldwin back on ‘Saturday Night Live’

NEW YORK (AP)—Alec Baldwin earns bragging rights as the most familiar “Saturday Night Live” host when he opens the NBC show’s 37th season on Sept. 24.

It will be his 16th time as host. The “30 Rock” actor moves past Steve Martin, who has done it 15 times. Radiohead will be the musical guest, the network said Friday.

Melissa McCarthy of CBS’ “Mike & Molly” and the movie “Bridesmaids” will be the host of the show’s second week, her “SNL” debut. The country trio Lady Antebellum will be her musical guest.



In this April 6, 2011 photo, actor Alec Baldwin speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, to discuss the Fair Elections Now Act.

Popular Indian actor Shammi Kapoor dies at 79

MUMBAI, India (AP)—Versatile Indian actor Shammi Kapoor has died after a long career in Bollywood. He was 79.

His doctor Bhupendra Gandhi says Kapoor was admitted to

Mumbai’s Breach Candy Hospital two days ago in critical condition. He was on dialysis and died Sunday of kidney failure.

Kapoor was hailed for his lighthearted roles in movies. He

belonged to Bollywood’s well-known Kapoor family.

His brothers Raj Kapoor and Shashi Kapoor also were successful actors, and his father, Prithviraj Kapoor, was a well-known

theater personality of 1950s.

Shammi Kapoor made his debut in Bollywood in 1953 and acted in successful movies including “Junglee” and “Professor.” He also appeared in “Brahmchari” and “Janwar.”

He is survived by his wife, one son and a daughter.

his arrest in May on charges of sexually assaulting a hotel housekeeper in Manhattan. He has pleaded not guilty.

The woman has since filed a civil lawsuit against him.

“Law & Order: SVU” begins its 13th season on Sept. 21.

deal with an Italian dignitary accused of rape. Franco Nero, who appeared last year in the film “Letters to Juliet,” stars as the official.

The network routinely in-

Friend can’t muster sympathy for woman in abusive marriage

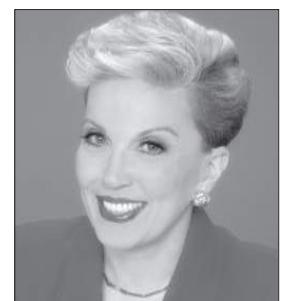
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DEAR ABBY: My friend “Sarah” is married to “Karl,” who emotionally abuses her. My husband and I used to spend a lot of time with them, but we have gradually dropped Karl from our circle because we can’t tolerate the way he treats her.

Sarah has asked me not to drop her because she has very few friends left. She stays with Karl because she’s afraid she’ll lose too much financially if they divorce. I have tried to tell her that her happiness should outweigh her desire for material things, but she likes living in her fancy home.

Karl hasn’t worked in almost 10 years and does nothing but drink and belittle Sarah. He’s also hostile to her adult children, who are fabulous people. If Sarah wants to see her grandchildren, she goes to their home because he doesn’t want them around. Abby, this is a career woman who could retire in a few years but probably won’t because her work is her escape.

I think Sarah is living a miserable existence. She deserves so much more. I know I’m not being as good a friend as I can be—and I feel guilty—but I have lost respect for her. I’m sick of hearing how “he’s trying to be better.” It’s hard to watch someone who chooses to live her one life this way. How can we support her when we can’t stand her spouse or understand her reason for staying in a loveless marriage?



Dear Abby

RUNNING SHORT ON SYMPATHY IN TEXAS

DEAR RUNNING SHORT: Much as you might like to, you can’t run your friend’s life or use your personal yardstick to measure what is important to her. After years of verbal abuse, Sarah’s self-esteem may be shaky, and she doesn’t feel prepared to take the financial hit that a divorce would cause.

Your friend could use both counseling and legal advice, and if you care about her, you should suggest it. But other than that, if you want to remain friends, my advice is to stop judging her.

DEAR ABBY: I suffered from severe depression and low self-esteem when I was younger. Because I didn’t have the coping mechanisms to deal with what I was going through, I starved and cut myself.

I got treatment, gained weight and stopped cutting. I’m 30 now, married and much happier. I’m at a healthy weight, so my past eating disorder is no longer obvious. But the scars I bear from the self-injury can be seen from across a room. I dress modestly to cover them most of the time, but I don’t want to wear long sleeves and pants for the rest of my life out of fear of what people might say.

I’d like to wear a swimsuit or tank tops in the summer, but I have no idea how to address the stares and questions that would go along with that. How do you advise me to deal with the reaction of others to my scars? I don’t necessarily want to discuss my past depression.

WAY BEYOND IT NOW IN OREGON

DEAR WAY BEYOND IT: Because your scars are so noticeable, my advice is to be honest. An alternative might be to wear sun-protective jackets when you’re not in the water, which more and more smart people do these days to avoid sun damage.

However, because you do not wish to cover up, you will have to deal with the inevitable questions. How much you choose to reveal would depend upon who is asking. You don’t have to share intimate details with a stranger. A way to deflect it would be to respond, “That’s very personal and I’d rather not discuss it.” However, if someone you know is asking out of concern, you might handle it by saying: “When I was a teenager I became depressed and cut myself. But that was a long time ago.”

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Two-way tie for lead at PGA Championship



Jason Dufner hits a drive on the fourth hole during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga. AP

JOHNS CREEK, Ga. (AP)—Brendan Steele and Jason Dufner at least can make a name for themselves in the PGA Championship. Until that big trophy is handed out Sunday, however, this major remains very much a mystery.

How will they handle the pressure of the final round?

Can they safely navigate through the four-hole finish, considered among the most brutal of any course?

And just who are these guys, anyway?

Rarely has a major championship contained so much inexperience at the top going into the final round. Steele is believed to be the first rookie since John Daly in the 1991 PGA to play in the final group of a major.

Steele, already a winner this year on the PGA Tour and No. 121 in the world, showed remarkable poise Saturday by overcoming a double bogey on the seventh hole. He ran off four birdies over his next seven holes, and not even a safe bogey on the 18th could take away from a 4-under 66 to give him a share of the lead.

He is tied with Jason Dufner, who, at 34, is still looking for his first PGA Tour win. Dufner, stoic as ever with a chunk of tobacco jutting out from his bottom lip, atoned for a pair of three-putt bogeys on the back nine with back-to-back birdies. He only missed one green in the third round and shot 68.

They were at 7-under 203, one shot clear of Keegan Bradley, a 25-year-old rookie who also won earlier this year. Bradley, playing in the final group, opened with a double bogey, which might have been expected given his inexperience. He also bounced back with remark-

able resiliency, playing bogey-free on the back nine and rallying for a 69.

Now comes the hard part.

Never mind that only one of the top 10 players in the world is within four shots—Steve Stricker, who shot 69 and was three behind. Or that Tiger Woods, defending champion Martin Kaymer and British Open champion Darren Clarke all missed the cut. Or that U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy blew up in a round of 74 and was out of contention.

Atlanta Athletic Club is the kind of course that can take shots away without notice. Jim Furyk discovered that by putting three balls into the water on the last four holes for a pair of double bogeys.

“Wishy-washy play is not going to get it done,” Steele said.

Right behind them is plenty of experience.

Scott Verplank, who at 47 can become the second-oldest major champion, rattled in a 50-foot putt across the 17th green for a most unlikely birdie, then laid up on the par-4 18th and escaped with par by making an 18-foot putt for a 69. He was only two shots behind.

Stricker, at No. 5 the highest-ranked American in the world ranking, took only 10 putts on the front nine when his round could have gone south quickly. He steadied himself with a solid up-and-down for par on the final hole.

“Everybody is going to be dealing with their nerves and the pressure of trying to win,” Stricker said. “I think it’s who can keep it together the best and be patient and play some good golf.”

That might be to the newcomers’ advantage. Plus, the golf course is proving to be difficult enough to get their attention.

“It could be a good thing.

Might maybe make me a little more relaxed knowing that everybody is kind of in the same boat struggling with those emotions and thoughts and the mentality of trying to win a major,” Dufner said. “I just feel like if you’re playing good, you should be confident. And obviously, I’ve been playing really well for these three rounds.”

Dufner is playing his best at the end. Through three rounds, he has played the last four holes in 3 under—with no bogeys. Compared with the field average, that’s the equivalent of picking up seven shots on the field.

Besides, there’s not much major championship experience behind them.

Only two players among the top 12 on the leaderboard have won majors—Masters champion Charl Schwartzel and David Toms, who won the PGA Championship on this course 10 years ago. They were at 2-under 208, five shots behind.

Also in that group was Adam Scott, coming off a win at Firestone last week. He struggled to a 70, but has not lost hope.

“You can make up six shots in the last four holes,” said Scott, who was six behind when he finished. “So yeah, I think you can make up six shots in the last round.”

The final round is so much up in the air that even Lee Westwood, desperate to finally add a major to an otherwise stellar career, remains in the mix despite one bad hole that spoiled his afternoon. A tee shot that just climbed into a bunker in the 14th fairway led to a three-putt double bogey on the 14th. He still managed a 70 and was six shots behind.

Luke Donald, the No. 1 player in the world who also is without a major, got to within one shot of the lead only to find the

water on the 18th hole and close with a double bogey, leaving him seven shots behind.

“It does offer some birdie opportunities, and you can get it under par,” Donald said. “But there are some tough holes out there that you’ve got to weather, and the champion at the end of the week is probably going to have played those tough ones the best.”

The last player to win a major in his first try was Ben Curtis in the 2003 British Open at Royal St. George’s. The last American to make a major his first PGA Tour win was Shaun Micheel at the PGA Championship in 2003 at Oak Hill.

“It’s a great week for me just to be in the field,” said Steele, won the Texas Open a week after the Masters. “To have a chance to actually win in my first major is really something special.”

Bradley, the nephew of LPGA Tour great Pat Bradley, won the Byron Nelson Championship in May and contended last week in Firestone. When he started with a double bogey, he didn’t panic.

“It really did not faze me that much,” Bradley said. “My goal was to under-react to everything that happened out there today, good or bad. And you know, I took it pretty well. I knew that it was a very important time for me to stay calm and stay patient, or else it could have got away from me. And I did, which was good.”

Saturday was the kind of day when it could have gotten away from a lot of players. Despite more muggy temperatures, the rookies managed to keep their composure.

Anders Hansen of Denmark, who has never seriously contended in a major, also kept it together with a 70 and was at 3-under 207, along with Pebble Beach winner D.A. Points, who went nine holes without making a par but still shot 71.

The toughest part about Sunday might be killing time until the late afternoon tee time. That shouldn’t be a problem for Steele, who spent the first three months getting the last tee time on tour because of his rookie status.

Then again, that was another reminder of how far he has come already.

Bradley thought back to

the Nationwide Tour last year when he and Steele were in contention at a tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn.

“There was nobody around. We were just out there playing,” Bradley said. “If we would have said we’d be in a couple of the final groups on Sunday at the PGA, I think we both would have kind of laughed at each other.”

Rondo, Jackson set Oct. 1 deadline for decision



BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Decision time is approaching for NBA players mulling moves overseas.

More than a month into the lockout that appears far from a resolution, Boston guard Rajon Rondo, Milwaukee forward Stephen Jackson and Oklahoma City stars Kevin Durant and James Harden mingled with kids Friday at a high school gym in southeast Texas, part of a camp hosted by Thunder forward Kendrick Perkins.

Training camps are due to open in the first week of October, and Rondo and Jackson have set an Oct. 1 deadline for deciding if they’ll play in Europe or elsewhere, or wait out the labor impasse that threatens to wipe out games and possibly, the entire 2011-12 season. Durant said last month that he was “about 50-50” on going overseas, but he and Harden declined interview requests Friday.

The lockout began after the NBA’s collective bargaining agreement expired on June 30.

Owners want the current salary structure revamped after saying they lost \$300 million in revenue last season. Players question that number, meanwhile, and are resisting the league’s push for a hard salary cap and reduction in salaries and maximum contract lengths.

Jackson says he’s “in tune” with preliminary conversations between the two sides and he’s trying to stay optimistic.

“I’m going to say that we’re going to be playing on Oct. 1,” he said, “but deep down inside, I’m not sure.”

Rondo, a two-time All-Star, says he’ll discuss options with his agent as the start of training camp draws closer.

“It just depends,” Rondo said. “My agent and I will sit down and we’ll talk about it, and discuss what’s best for me.”

New Jersey Nets guard Deron Williams didn’t hesitate, signing a deal to play for the Turkish team Besiktas, which also was reportedly negotiating with Kobe Bryant.

Jackson, an 11-year veteran who signed with Milwaukee in late June, says he’s talking to

top-tier teams in France. He’s not worried about missing NBA paychecks, but wants to stay on top of his game.

“I don’t have money problems. I’m good,” Jackson said. “I will go to play overseas just to stay in shape, so when we do start, I’m ahead of guys, not behind. I’m going to wait until the season is officially not going to start before I make any decision.”

Rondo says he’s putting the lockout out of his mind for now, and working out in Kentucky as if the season will start on schedule.

“I’m just trying to focus on getting better, and ready for next season,” Rondo said.

Jackson says he’s been practicing with Hawks forward Josh Smith in Atlanta. He’s frustrated that the lockout prohibits players from having any contact with their teams, including using their facilities and the athletic trainers on the staffs.

“If I had the Bucks trainer, I’d be doing everything that I’d be doing during the season, so once training camp comes, my body would already be tuned,” he said. “Now, I have to work out and try to do the things we do there. It’s impossible to know what the trainer actually wants us to do.”

The players didn’t seem too stressed about the lockout on Friday.

Durant and Harden casually shot 3-pointers, and Jackson watched young boys play a scrimmage. Rondo signed autographs at a table outside the gym.

Proceeds from the camp go to Perkins’ foundation, aimed at helping children learn life skills and teach them drug awareness. Perkins set up the Beaumont-based foundation in 2009, and he plans to expand its reach to other cities.

Jackson, who grew up in nearby Port Arthur, says the players would be attending the camp, even if the lockout wasn’t in place.

“This is our routine. We really don’t start toning things down until the middle of September,” he said. “We’re on our regular schedule. Hopefully, we can stay on a regular schedule and start the season at the same time.”

Lincecum powers Giants past Marlins

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(AP)—Tim Lincecum allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings and Jeff Keppinger provided a first-inning solo home run to lead San Francisco to a 3-0 win over the Florida Marlins.

Lincecum (11-9) walked three, struck out 10 and hit a batter while lowering his league-leading road ERA to 2.08. He has given up one run or less in six of his last seven starts.

Jeremy Affeldt pitched a 1-2-3 eighth and Brian Wilson a scoreless ninth for his 35th save in 39 tries.

Javier Vazquez (7-10) surrendered three runs and five hits in seven innings. He struck out 10 and threw two wild pitches. It was his eighth quality start in his last 11 outings.

Reds 13, Padres 1

In Cincinnati, Miguel Cairo and Ryan Hanigan each homered twice, and the Reds hit seven in all off starter Tim Stauffer and the Padres bullpen—matching a San Diego record—while powering their way to a 13-1 victory on Saturday night.

The Reds won their fourth straight game with their biggest home run spurge of the season.

Stauffer (7-9) gave up five homers in only three innings, tying Woody Williams' club record for most allowed in a game. Stauffer gave up three—his previous career high—in a 9-8 loss to the Mets on Monday.

Reds starter Homer Bailey (7-5) gave up six hits in seven innings, including Kyle Blanks' Homer.

Cubs 8, Braves 4

In Atlanta, the latest entry in Dan Uggla's improbable hitting streak was not enough for Atlanta as Starlin Castro and Darwin Barney each had four hits to lead Chicago.

Uggla had a first-inning single and a fourth-inning homer off Randy Wells (4-4) to extend his hitting streak to 33 games. The majors' longest streak this season began on July 5 when Uggla was hitting .173. It is the longest streak in Atlanta Braves history.

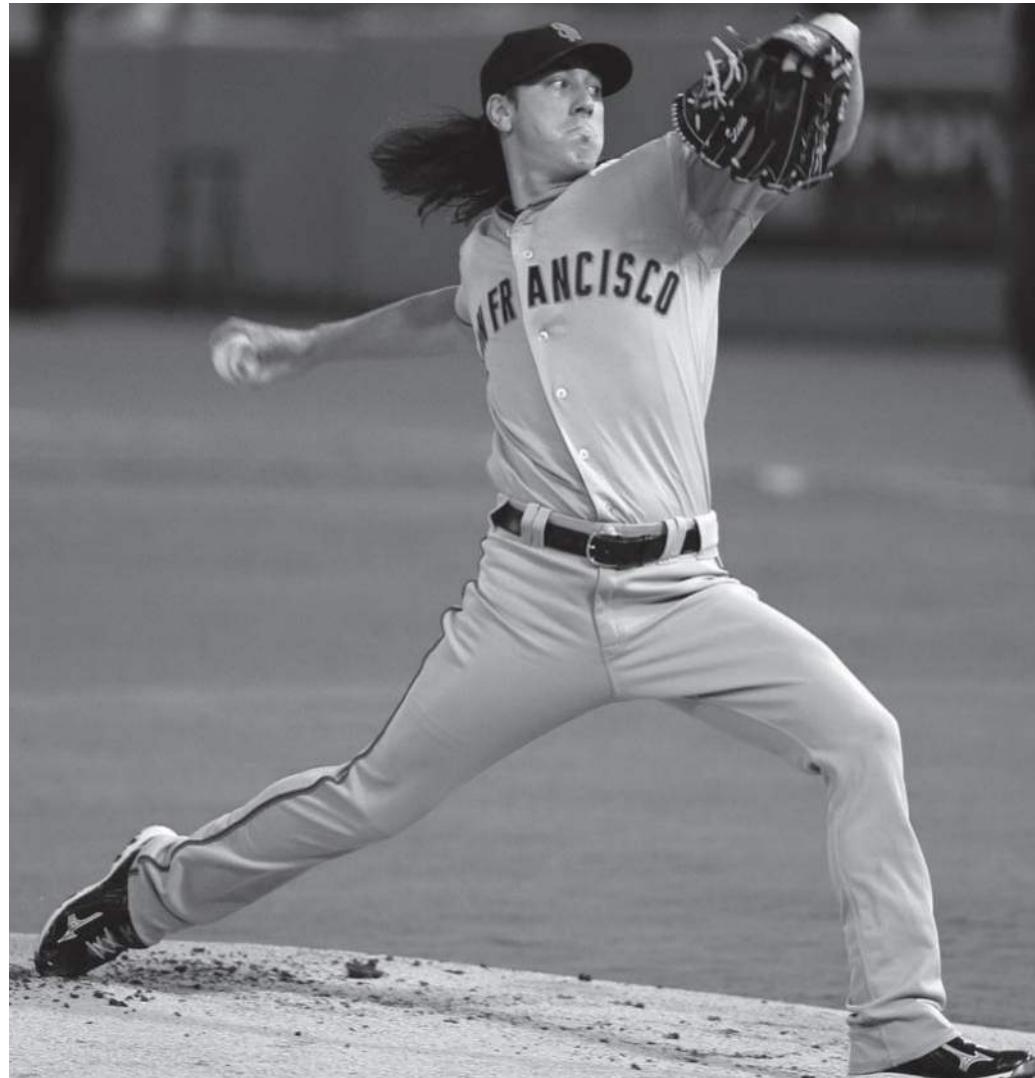
Castro drove in two runs and Wells gave up two runs on eight hits in five-plus innings for the Cubs, who have won 10 of 13.

Derek Lowe (7-11) gave up five runs and 10 hits in six innings.

Phillies 11, Nationals 3

In Philadelphia, Ryan Howard homered and drove in four runs, and Roy Oswalt pitched seven solid innings to lead Philadelphia.

Oswalt (5-7), making his second start since coming off the 15-day DL Aug. 6, gave up three runs on six hits in seven innings. Oswalt settled down after a two-run second inning and finished with five strikeouts and just one walk.



San Francisco Giants' Tim Lincecum pitches against the Florida Marlins during the first inning of a baseball game on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, in Miami.

The Nationals committed three costly errors that led to seven runs.

John Lannan (8-8) surrendered seven runs—just one earned—in three innings on four hits while walking five and striking out one.

Diamondbacks 6, Mets 4

In Phoenix, Ryan Roberts hit a three-run homer to help Arizona come from behind to win for the 33rd time this season.

Daniel Hudson (12-8) allowed four runs, two earned, on eight hits in eight innings as the Diamondbacks won their fifth straight to remain two games ahead of second-place San Francisco in the NL West. Hudson also had a run-scoring single, his 13th RBI of the year.

J.J. Putz pitched a scoreless ninth for his 29th save in 33 attempts.

Rockies 6, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Carlos Gonzalez

hit a three-run homer and Jason Hammel (notes) threw 6 1-3 strong innings to lead Colorado.

The Rockies, who snapped a three-game losing streak, had lost their last five games in St. Louis by a combined 22-3 score. St. Louis lost for the third time in five games and fell five games behind first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central.

Gonzalez, who also had an RBI double in the ninth, slammed his 18th homer of the season in the third inning

Cubs place Zambrano on disqualified list

ATLANTA (AP)—The Chicago Cubs placed Carlos Zambrano on the disqualified list Saturday and said the right-hander would receive no pay and have no part in team activities for 30 days.

Zambrano cleaned out his locker and left the team after giving up five homers and being ejected from Friday night's 10-4 loss to the Braves. He did not return to the team Saturday.

General manager Jim Hendry said Saturday that Zambrano's actions, including a brush-back pitch to Chipper Jones that led to the ejection, were "intolerable."

"This was the most stringent penalty we could enforce without a release," Hendry said.

Cubs pitcher Ryan Dempster had similarly strong words.

"He's made his bed. Let him sleep in it," Dempster said.

"It's not like it's something new."

Hendry said Major League Baseball and the players' association would discuss Zam-

brano's statements about his baseball future.

Cubs manager Mike Quade said Friday night that Zambrano told team personnel he might retire.

"There's not much worse than running out on your teammates in the middle of a ball-game," Hendry said on a conference call.

Hendry said he apologized to Braves general manager Frank Wren for the actions by Zambrano on the same night Atlanta honored former manager Bobby Cox.

Zambrano was ejected by plate umpire Tim Timmons in the fifth inning after throwing two inside pitches to Jones, the second going all the way to the backstop. The brush-back pitches followed homers by Freddie Freeman and Dan Uggla.

"It was uncalled for, the pitch to Chipper Jones," Hendry said.

"I feel that anything at all to detract from Bobby Cox's

night other than usual competition is totally intolerable."

Asked if he knew where Zambrano was on Saturday, Hendry said: "I have no idea."

Jones said Hendry's comments were "a class move. I appreciated it."

Added Jones: "I like Carlos. I've always liked Carlos. He's an intense competitor. Unfortunately, sometimes that hurts him."

Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez said Zambrano would be welcomed back by his teammates, but only if he made changes.

"If he changes his attitude, he's more than welcome," Ramirez said.

"He's got to think a little bit more. He's one man. It's not just one time. A lot of people have tried to help him. He won't let them."

Zambrano was placed on the restricted list for six weeks and sent to anger management last season after a verbal altercation with then-teammate Derrek Lee.

off left-hander Jaime Garcia (10-6), who gave up five runs in five innings.

Dodgers 6, Astros 1

In Los Angeles, Clayton Kershaw earned his career-high 14th victory and drove in a run with a safety squeeze, and Matt Kemp ended an 11-game home run drought for Los Angeles.

Kershaw (14-5) won for the sixth time in his last seven starts, allowing a run and six hits over eight innings. The All-Star left-hander struck out nine and walked one.

Houston's Wandy Rodriguez (8-9) was charged with five runs, two earned, and six hits in six innings.

Brewers 1, Pirates 0

In Milwaukee, Marco Estrada pitched five innings in a spot start, combining with four relievers on a three-hitter, and Yuniesky Betancourt homered to carry Milwaukee.

Takashi Saito, LaTroy Hawkins, Francisco Rodriguez and John Axford, who earned his 34th save by working around a leadoff triple in the ninth, completed the shutout.

Estrada (3-8) took the mound for Chris Narveson, who was placed on the disabled list Wednesday with a cut thumb on his throwing hand.

Yankees 9, Rays 2

In New York, Jorge Posada hit a grand slam and drove in six runs in his first game since being benched six days ago, and Phil Hughes made his case to remain in the New York Yankees' rotation with six effective innings in a 9-2 victory Saturday that ended the Tampa Bay Rays' five-game winning streak.

Curtis Granderson hit his 33rd homer to tie Jose Bautista for the big league lead and Robinson Cano had two hits and scored twice to help the Yankees rebound from a loss to the Rays on Friday night.

Mariners 5, Red Sox 4

In Seattle, Felix Hernandez pitched seven innings, surviving a shaky sixth, and Ichiro Suzuki hit the 34th leadoff homer of his career to lead Seattle.

Hernandez (11-10) was handed a five-run lead in the first inning but gave up four runs in the sixth on a pair of two-run homers by Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia.

Hernandez allowed nine hits and four runs. He walked two and struck out two.

Indians 3, Twins 1

In Cleveland, Asdrubal Cabrera hit a three-run homer and Josh Tomlin pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning, leading the Indians to the victory.

Cabrera connected in the third, driving a 1-0 pitch from Brian Duensing (8-11) over the wall in left for his 20th homer. Shin-Soo Choo

hit a leadoff single and Jason Donald (notes) walked before Cabrera went deep.

Tigers 6, Orioles 5

In Baltimore, Miguel Cabrera homered in a five-run sixth inning that featured six consecutive two-out hits, and the Tigers rallied to get the win.

Detroit trailed 5-0 in the second before mounting its biggest comeback of the season. The Tigers had previously battled back from a trio of three-run deficits.

Cabrera finished with three RBIs to help first-place Detroit maintain its three-game edge over Cleveland in the AL Central. Max Scherzer (12-7) picked up the win and Jose Valverde got three outs for his 35th save in 35 tries.

White Sox 5, Royals 4

In Chicago, Paul Konerko hit a two-run homer, Tyler Flowers added his first career homer and the White Sox snapped a seven-game home losing streak.

Konerko went deep in the third and Flowers hit a solo shot in the fifth. Flowers also had a single and a walk.

Juan Pierre had three singles and scored two runs for Chicago. Jesse Crain (7-3) pitched 1 1-3 innings to get the win and Chris Sale worked the ninth for his fourth save.

Billy Butler had a two-run single in Kansas City's four-run fifth inning.

Blue Jays 11, Angels 2

In Toronto, Adam Lind hit a grand slam for Toronto, and Edwin Encarnacion and Mark Teahen also went deep.

All three homers came off Angels ace Jered Weaver (14-6), who allowed eight runs and eight hits, both season highs, in 4 2-3 innings, his shortest outing of the year.

The right-hander, who had won eight of his previous nine decisions, had his AL-leading ERA rise from 1.78 to 2.13. He was pitching for the first time since Aug. 5 after serving a six-game suspension for throwing over the head of Detroit's Alex Avila in a July 31 loss.

Rangers 7, Athletics 1

In Oakland, Colby Lewis and four relievers combined on a five-hitter, leading Texas to the victory.

Ian Kinsler had two hits and three RBIs for Texas, which increased its AL West lead to three games over the Los Angeles Angels. Mike Napoli and Elvis Andrus hit run-scoring doubles off A's starter Trevor Cahill as the Rangers (68-52) moved a season-best 16 games over .500 with their seventh consecutive victory over Oakland.

Jemile Weeks singled, doubled and tripled for Oakland, which committed four errors, had two wild pitches and lost for the seventh time in 11 games.

Buds Brothers knock out Life Force

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Buds Brothers
eliminated Life
Force in the 2011
Blue Haus Invita-

tional Basketball League after pulling off 75-74 win last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Buds Brothers improved to a 2-4 record in Pool B, while Life Force finished the season with a dismal 1-5 slate.

P.J. Castro gave Buds Brothers the crucial win after splitting his free throws in the closing seconds of the game.

Life Force lost the make-or-break game despite having a good start in the knockout match.

drove in Harry Nakamura with a base rip in the top of the ninth for the go-ahead run and they went on to nail the Fielders 1's Patrick Tenorio out at home for the final out of the game.

Reyes batted 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs. Diego Camacho was also 3-for-4 with an RBI, two runs, and a stolen base, while Nakamura hit 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run and gave up two runs in four innings off three hits and had three strikeouts.

Fielders 1 8, Titanium 4

Both teams cracked the ice in the opening frame. Fielders 1 leadoff man Patrick Tenorio reached and scored soon after a couple stolen bases, while Titanium's Brian Camacho hammered an RBI triple, bringing home Tony DL Guerrero.

The Fielders 1 jumped ahead, 5-1, in the second inning. Cody Kaipat led off with a hit and

scored off an error. An error and a walk later, Tenorio belted a two-RBI smash and scored off another infield error. The Fielders 1 never looked back from thereon.

Winning pitcher Kaipat gave up three runs, two earned in four innings off a hit and four walks with a pick off to go with seven strikeouts. Tenorio bagged two RBIs, two runs, and stole three bases.

Fielders 2 11, Lions 8

The Fielders 2 took an early 3-0 lead in the second inning off four hits. Khobby Kaipat and Jerry Kintol notched RBI singles and Nate Guerrero drove in the third run off a double play ground ball.

Fielders then shot ahead, 9-0, two innings later. They scored four runs in the top of the third off an RBI single by Kaipat hit and another hit, two walks, a wild pitch, and two errors before adding two more

Oliver Santiago led Life Force with 10 points in the opening period, while Marlo Ibanez added seven, lifting their team to a 25-20, lead.

Then Castro mounted a comeback in the second quarter and buried two from downtown to finish with 21 points at the break

in the fourth from a base rip by Poland Masaharu.

The count then shifted to 10-6, still in the Fielders 2's favor in the fifth. Leonard Sablan bashed an RBI single in the top half, while the Lions managed six runs off five walks, two errors, and two-RBI singles by Russel Hocog and Brel Yobech in the bottom frame.

The Fielders 2 hung in there for the win.

Kaipat, Masaharu and Sablan each batted 3-for-4. Kaipat had two RBIs and two runs, Masaharu added an RBI and two runs, and Sablan chipped in one run.

The season continues this Saturday with the Ol'Aces challenging the Fielders 2 at 9am, and the Lions battling Titanium at 12noon. The Fielders 2 will have double duty this weekend, as they take on sister team Fielders 1 at 3pm.

The 20-year swimmer will take a rest today and will return to the pool at the Natatorium of Universiade Center in Universiade New Town, Longgang District, tomorrow for his second event—the 100m breaststroke race. Wong's PBT in this event is 1:08.79, which is also the CNMI mark he established on July 26, 2009 during the 13th FINA World Championships in Italy.

Wong got off to a good start in his first event, clocking in at 32.96 seconds in the first 50m of the race. He then slowed down in the last 150m, timing in at 37.32 seconds in the second lap and 37.99 and 38.90 seconds in the third and last, respectively.

Commonwealth record in the 200m IM (2:10.18), which he tallied during the World Championships in Shanghai, China, last month. Alex Screen owns the CNMI mark in the 100m butterfly (59.00 seconds) and Wong hopes to eclipse the record that has been in the books for about 24 years (Aug. 25, 1987).

Wong will have his fifth and last event on Thursday through the 50m breaststroke race. He is the Commonwealth record-holder in the 50m breaststroke sprint, submitting 31.62 seconds on July

28, 2009 during the World Championships in Italy.

Meanwhile, biker Matt Mancao was the first CNMI bet to compete in the FISU-sanctioned World University Games after joining the men's 156.8-kilometer race in the Longgang Sports Center.

However, Mancao was one of the more than 30 bikers who failed to complete the grueling race. The field drew 75 bikers and only 32 finished, including winner Bernhard Oberholzer (3:50:33) of Switzerland.

on his own hands, but unfortunately failed to save his team from absorbing its fourth loss in as many games. Pelisamen went for an isolation play from the right key and eluded his defenders outside. He then pulled up for a scoop shot against Fitial and Manibusan but the shot hit nothing but air. Pelisamen grabbed the offensive rebound and went for a putback. This time, the ball made it to the rim, but rattled out. Fitial controlled the defensive rebound and time expired, handing the Hoops their third win in four games.

Cavite/Andok's suffered another loss despite holding the lead in the first three quarters. It tasted its biggest advantage at the break, 42-30, but lost it when it scored only one field goal in 11 and 10, respectively.

Hoops their first taste of the lead since the 2-0 count in the first half, 70-69, 33.9 seconds left in the match.

Cavite/Andok quickly regained the lead when Pando Muleta found Wesley in the paint and the latter made the inside basket. However, the Hoops still had the last say when their big men—Manibusan and Fitial—teamed up for the game winning basket and held their ground on defense against Pelisamen in the closing seconds of the match.

Both Fitial and Manibusan finished in double figures with the former scoring 16 and the latter adding 15. Dave Sablan also had 15, while Walter Mendez and John Sablan chipped in 11 and 10, respectively.

Pelisamen led all scorers with 22.

Namfreli/Proa 94, VisMinda/Satbah 71

In the curtain-raiser, Namfreli Proa handed VisMinda/Satbah its first loss after a big 94-71 victory.

The win kept Namfreli's undefeated record (2-0) while VisMinda dropped to a 3-1 mark and lost the lead to Bayani/Mobil (3-0).

Cavite/Andok's called its last time out and when the game resumed, Pelisamen took matters

and put his team in front, 49-43.

Castro sat out in the third and Life Force's defense buckled down after the break, containing Buds to just eight markers to pull with a basket, 55-57, entering the final canto.

However, Castro returned at crunch time and managed to lead his team to victory.

Life Force's Chris Sablan nailed a clutch trey that tied the game at 74-all, with just five ticks left on the clock. Then Castro took the ensuing inbound pass to their front court and made it to the free throw line, where he got one to drop. Castro finished with a game-high 35 points, while Ibanez had 20 for Life Force.

Meanwhile, Jacem Printing downed Mawati in last Wednesday's nightcap.

Mawati took an early 18-16 lead in the first quarter off four treys by Julian Renia.

Then Jacem erupted in the second quarter for a 38-30 halftime swing, as Josh Kiyoshi led the charge with 11 points in that period.

Mawati pulled within a possession, 45-48, after the break as it held Jacem to just 10 points in the third quarter. However, Jacem maintained its lead, as teams traded baskets in the fourth quarter.

SATURDAY

Buds Brothers 75 — Castro 35, Saplan 9, Tabora 8, Javier 8, Ramos 5, Brillo 4, Towan 4, Sumina 2.

Life Force 74 — Ibanez 20, Ganaden 12, Santiago 12, Ordonez 8, Cabaddu 7, Leomo 6, C Sablan 3, Buniag 2, Cruz 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-25, 49-43, 57-55, 75-74.

WEDNESDAY

Jacem 71 — Kiyoshi 15, Manalo 11, Mateo 11, Olivos 8, Aurelio 6, Litulumar 6, Guinto 5, Jose 5, Cadag 2, Echaluce 2.

Mawati 67 — Renia 19, Taractac 11, Salem 9, Tiribio 8, Enriquez 8, Avila 4, Dela Cruz 4, B. Dalusong 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-18, 38-30, 48-45, 71-67.

Hossain 14, De Leon 5, Devero 5, Dillay 4, Ichihara 4, Taylor 4.

Sonics 44 — Ecalnea 11, Caro 8, Cadiang 5, Aranda 4, Palacios 4, Villanueva 4, Alegre 2, Salas 2, Salem 2, Tudela 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-8, 23-20, 38-27, 52-44.

Second Game

670 Rollers 62 — DL Guerrero 12, Jo. Norita 12, Francisco 9, Cenir 7, Taitano 7, Suarez 4, Darag 3, Kwon 2, Diaz 3, Nakayama 2, Rangamar 2.

CK Blazers 51 — Aulerio 21, Benavente 16, Torres 4, Basa 3, L. Sablan 3, Kaipat 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-8, 30-18, 43-31, 62-51.

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six points in the third to secure a 43-31 margin for the Rollers, heading into the final period. In the fourth canto, the Rollers' defense got the job done in the clutch, limiting the Blazers to mostly free throws in the fourth quarter.

Norita and Lawrence DL Guerrero finished the game with 14 points each, while Brandon Aulerio led the Blazers with 21 markers, 11 of which came from the stripe.

First Game

Ol'Aces 52 — Maratita 16,

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	73	45	.619	—
New York	72	46	.610	1
Tampa Bay	64	55	.538	9 1/2
Toronto	60	59	.504	13 1/2
Baltimore	45	72	.385	27 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	64	55	.538	—
Cleveland	60	57	.513	3
Chicago	59	60	.496	5
Minnesota	52	67	.437	12
Kansas City	50	70	.417	14 1/2

West Division

Texas	68	52	.567	—
Los Angeles	65	55	.542	3
Oakland	53	66	.445	14 1/2
Seattle	51	67	.432	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	78	41	.655	—
Atlanta	70	50	.583	8 1/2
New York	58	61	.487	20
Washington	57	62	.479	21
Florida	56	63	.471	22

Central Division

Milwaukee	69	51	.575	—
St. Louis	64	56	.533	5
Cincinnati	59	61	.492	10
Pittsburgh	56	62	.475	12

Weekend Sports

Tammy Ackerman recorded last week's biggest win after ruling the U12 singles event of the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji.

Ackerman defeated teammate Negahr Rastguiy in the finals, 6-2, 6-4, to give the CNMI its best finish in the annual tournament. The eventual POJC champion lost only one game in the five-day competition and won five matches to top the 11-player field.

Nine other CNMI junior tennis players joined the youth tournament. Christian Miller was the second best finisher for

Ackerman delivers for CNMI

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the Commonwealth, duplicating Rastguiy's feat after placing second to Tahiti's Heve Kelley in the U15 singles.

In the boys U12 division, Carl Dela Cruz was ranked third, while Moris Villanueva finished seventh. Mikayla Lopez and Melody Johnson placed fourth and ninth, respectively, in the girls U15, while Jake Lee saved the seventh spot in the same

age group. In the U18 division, siblings Thea and Theecel Minor finished fifth and ninth, respectively, while Rafael Jones claimed the No. 4 spot.

Back in local events, the various competitions on Saipan continued with their respective games.

In the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League at the TSL Sports Complex, Red Inter

and IT&E Awesome posted the biggest wins in their respective divisions. Red Inter stunned the then undefeated Korean Futsal Team in the men's division, while IT&E Awesome pulled off an upset over Shirley's B in the women's play.

Still at the TSL Sports Complex, the UFO Bud Cup caging continued wits its regular season game with Bayani/Mobil

keeping its unbeaten record (3-0) and grabbing the top spot in the nine-team field.

Namfrel/Proa is in second place with its 2-0 record, followed by Visminda/Satbahi (3-1) and UPAA/Hoopaholics (3-1), Cabalen/Noni (1-1), MAFEA/ Ali'i Konflikt (1-2), NMBA/Mixed Blood (1-2), MDX/Blue Haus (0-3), and Cavite/Andok's (0-4).

Over at the outdoor Gualo Rai Basketball Court, the Blue Haus caging is nearing completion of its regular games.

Still in basketball, the Rotary caging opened its 2011 season with a U19 division game between last year's finalists Ol'Aces and Sonics.

In golf, Guam's Louie Sunga claimed his third win in four years in the Championship Flight of the Tournament of Champions after topping the 2011 edition of the annual event at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

In soccer, Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo dominated the 2nd Annual Fiesta Beach Soccer 5-on-5 Tournament.



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Tammy Ackerman, seen here getting ready to serve against Negahr Rastguiy in the 2011 CNMI Junior Championships in April at the AMP tennis courts, ruled the U12 singles of the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji.



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Red Inter and Korean Futsal Team players battle for the ball during their game in a futsal league last week at the TSL Sports Complex.



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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan general manager B.K. Park, standing second left, awards the cash prize to Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo, which ruled the 2nd Annual Fiesta Beach Soccer 5-on-5 Tournament.



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Ladies Flight champion Leina Kim is flanked by runner-up Noriko Togawa, left, and Jeong Yun Kim during the awards ceremony for the 2011 Tournament of Champions at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.



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VisMinda/Satbahi's Rolly Paraiso pulls up for a shot against two NMBA/Mixed Blood defenders during their game in the UFO Bud Cup caging last week at the TSL Sports Complex.



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A Cellular Pro player is clobbered by Mawati defenders during their game in the Blue Haus caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



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Guam's Louie Sunga, center, receives his Championship Flight prizes from Tournament of Champions chair Ben Babauta, left, and DFS' Marian Aldan-Pierce during the awards ceremony at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.



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Ol'Aces rally over Fielders 1



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The Ol'Aces spoiled the Fielders 1's bid for a sweep in the opening of the 2011 SMLBA-Youth Summer/Winter Baseball League after pulling off a 10-9 win in nine innings last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Ol'Aces trailed, 6-9, after five frames, but mustered enough energy to sneak past the Fielders 1, who came of an 8-4 victory over Titanium in the curtain raiser. In the second game, Fielders 2 triumphed over the Kagman Lions, 11-8.

The Fielders 1 took a 4-2 lead in the first inning off three hits, two errors, and a walk. Clean up batter Carl Camacho whacked a two-RBI single, while Aces scored a pair off a double by Rocco Reyes and a Jacob Flores single.

The Ol'Aces then went ahead, 5-4, in the second inning off

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Ol'Aces beat Sonics in early rematch

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The defending champion Ol'Aces showed up in sync, downing the Sonics, 52-44, during the opening game in the U19 division of the 19th Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League last Friday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

The early Ol'Aces win foiled the Sonics' bid for another undefeated record in the regular season. Last year's runners-up swept their elimination games to win the 2010 pennant before losing to the Ol'Aces in the finals, 65-64.

Last year's finalists played neck-and-neck in the first half, before Juan Maratita and Saj Hossain teamed up an Ol'Aces breakaway in the third period. The duo combined for 13 points in the third quarter, turning a 23-20 halftime lead to a 38-27 advantage.

The Ol'Aces kept the driv-



Ol'Aces' forward Saj Hossain sneaks through the back door against the Sonics during the opening game in the U19 division of the Rotary caging last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.

er's seat in the final canto, notwithstanding their ground against the Sonics' repeated comeback attempts.

Maratita led all scorers with 16, while Hossain added 14. Tristan Ecalnea was the Sonics' lone double figure scorer with 11.

Luther Taylor gave the Ol'Aces a good start, scoring four points in the team's 15-8 lead in the opening eight minutes.

The Sonics battled back in the second canto and moved within three at the break. The Ol'Aces then regrouped in the second and stuffed the Sonics to just eight points in the third period.

In the second game, 670 Rollers defeated the CK Blazers, 62-51.

The Rollers jumped out to an early 17-8 lead after making a couple of three-pointers. Rollers added two more from behind the arc in the second quarter to stretch the advantage to double digits at halftime, 30-18.

Then Josh Norita delivered

Docomo/Hoops steal win from Cavite

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The UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics overhauled a 12-point deficit to eke out a 73-71 win over Cavite/Andok's Freddie Pelisamen in the second game in the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud

Cup on Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Mel Manibusan completed a three-point play in the Hoops last offensive set, while Cavite/Andok's Freddie Pelisamen muffed two chances to tie the match, allowing the Docomo Pacific-sponsored squad to grab the lead and the victory.

Cavite/Andok's had the upper hand for the last time, 71-

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UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics' Dave Sablans pulls up for a layup against Cavite/Andok's Freddie Pelisamen, left, and Mike Olaitiman during their game in the UFO Bud Cup caging last Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Wong completes first event in Shenzhen

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C N M I s w i m m e r Rezne Wong debuted in the 2011

Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, China, yesterday and finished the qualifying heat in the 200m breaststroke.

He timed in at two minutes, 27.17 seconds on Heat 3, missing his personal best and CNMI mark by less than four seconds (2:23.35). Eight other swimmers joined Wong in the qual-

fying heat with Switzerland's Kilian Bossard topping the field with a time of 2:18.38 and the Commonwealth swimmer placing seventh.

Forty-one swimmers were entered in the 200m breaststroke swim and only seven advanced to the finals. Lithuania's Giedrius Titenis led the list with the fastest qualifying time of 2:11.71, less than three seconds behind the Games record of 2:08.73 posted by Ukraine's Igor Borysik on July 8, 2009 in Belgrade, Serbia. Australia's Christian Sprenger holds

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